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## Health & Safety Alert

**Operating Unit: M25 Section 2**

**Date of Incident: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

**Location: Works Access A50 M25**

**Cause: Variations in ground surface**

**IAN No.**

**Date H&S Alert 2 April 2014**

Whilst applying a night time 1 & 2 lane closure on the M25, an experienced Traffic Management Foreman stepped down from the coning well of an Impact Protection Vehicle and inadvertently stepped on to the edge of a 50mm change in the road surface level, which had been left by the road planer. This unstable footing caused him to go over on his ankle and fall to the ground, causing him to suffer severe strain injuries to his ankle.



Learning  
Points

- *Always, face the vehicle, maintaining a 3 point contact when alighting fom vehicles and item of plant.*
- *Always wear safety footwear incorporating good ankle support.*
- *Where practical to do so, park at a distance that avoids stepping onto any changes in levels, or unstable ground.*

**Subcontractor Actions or Inactions**

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- Ensure lighting levels are adequate (see [B15 Task Lighting](#) )
- Ensure the correct footwear is worn
- Ensure steps and grab handles are in good condition
- Consider demarcating step with marking / cones.