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# **Safety First!**

Classification

**Lost Time Injury** 

**Section**: Soda Ash

Where?

Workshop

### **SHE ALERT**

### **Incident Description**

semi-skilled boilermaker Whilst fastening bolts on the bracing plate for the incline conveyor staircase, the spanner slipped from the bolt head resulting in him loosing balance. He fell off the stairs platform, at a height of 930mm, on which his leg was trapped between the staircase rungs.

### **Location:** A Calciner incline conveyor

#### When? **Body part/ Nature of damage**

**Date**: 06/08/2022 **Time:** 1515hrs

Fracture below the left knee

### **Preventative& Corrective Measures**

- The incident was reported to the relevant personnel.
- First aid was applied to the injured and he taken to the mine clinic for further assistance where he was transferred to Francistown Academic Hospital.
- Employees of the section were briefed of the incident to make them aware of the potential hazards associated with the task.
- When fastening bolts, one must assume a stable standing posture to avoid falling should a spanner slip from a bolt head. Supervisors to monitor and coach their subordinates periodically.
- Enlarge the last rung of the platform to increase support for users.

# **Safety Communication**

### **Preliminary Findings?**

- The stairs platform was not placed in suitable position to perform the task in a safe manner.
- The spanner slipped from the bolt head, the injured lost balance and fell off the stairs platform. Whilst falling his left leg got caught in-between the rungs.
- The injured was alco-tested and the results were negative.

## **Pictures**

