

# ◀ HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT ▶



## Crane Access Arrangements

This safety alert was provided by our colleagues at National Grid following an over 7 Day RIDDOR incident where a crane operator sustained a chest and knee injury attempting to access a crane.

The Injured Person (IP) tried to gain access to the cab by putting his left foot on the step inside the crane track and his left hand on the running board. As the IP went to put his right foot on the crane track, his left hand slipped and he hit the left side of his body on the running board and his right knee on the crane track.

### KEY LESSONS:

- The IP was holding a bag in his right hand during the process, restricting his access.
- The crane had also been left in the incorrect position on the previous shift, preventing the IP from being able to access the crane in the manner intended i.e. using the step and the handrail on the front of the crane.



### KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Cranes to be left in a safe position for safe egress and access to the cab.
- Consider re-briefing operators on the correct means of access / egress (from supplier information)
- Ensure there is suitable access into all work areas.
- 3 points of contact must be maintained when accessing any type of plant.

