

HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT

Welfare Maintenance

What happened?

On Sunday 16th March, a RIDDOR loss time injury was sustained by a cleaner, when a kitchen cupboard became loose from its fixings on the wall and fell, striking the cleaner on the leg. The cleaner was later taken to hospital by ambulance.

Why did it happen?

This cupboard had been relocated on the wall approximately one year previously. It is believed that, it had not been suitably fixed and had become loose resulting it the accident.

Temporary office and welfare facilitates are often in place for several years at a time and may be subject to significant wear and tear during use.

Considerations

- ✓ When alterations are made to facilities such as this, they should always be planned and carried out by competent people
- ✓ The suppliers of the facilities should always be consulted prior to any alterations or repair work
- ✓ Facilities should be inspected regularly.

