

Reportable Accident Per Directorate, October - December 2007

Directorate Of the Environment

Accident Ref Number	Category	Accident Date	Injury Location	Injury Type	Reason Reportable	Details	Accident Investigation – Action taken
1522	Employee	26-Nov-2007	Back	Strain/Sprain	Lost time >3 days	When removing a shed from the garden of 22 Heol Uchaf, strained back and shoulder on right hand side of body.	Guidance for I P on procedure for breaking down loads before removal
1468	Employee	21-Nov-2007	Finger	Cut or Laceration	Lost time >3 days	Whilst cutting with circular saw, the blade caught a staple & bounced back cutting 2 fingers on left hand.	IP counselled on need to follow safe systems of work.
1478	Employee	16-Nov-2007	Ankle Injury	Strain/Sprain	Lost time >3 days	Walked into disused chair left in the corridor on RHS, stepped awkwardly to the left and badly twisted left ankle.	Advice re storage of goods and materials and maintenance of walkways
1671	Employee	15-Nov-2007	Back	Strain/Sprain	Lost time >3 days	While the IP was 'shovelling waste onto the vehicle the shovel got 'tangled up in ivy bushes' which when the IP went to raise the shovel, this did not move causing muscles in the back to tear causing injury.	Risk assessment reviewed. IP placed on light duties prior to appointment with Occ. Health
1459	Employee	31-Oct-2007	Finger	Other Known	Lost time >3 days	While lifting timber onto van splintered hand.	Advice re use of suitable gloves
1461	Employee	29-Oct-2007	Eye	Foreign Body	Lost time >3 days	Cutting acro channels with disc cutter metal splinter in left eye. Left site at 13.30 hrs to go to the casualty department at Prince Charles Hospital.	Following removal of eye protection, IP noticed a further small cut wes necessary and failed to replace eye protection, IP counselled

1469	Employee	29-Oct-2007	Hand	Other Known	Lost time >3 days	Refuse collectors picked up a bin off the pavement which had been knocked over. When picking it up they remarked it was very heavy. One operative wheeled the bin to the RCV and offered it to the hoist for loading. The hoist lifted the bin and as he walked away the bin immediately fell off striking him on his right hand which became painful and swollen. He immediately reported it.	Non compliance with assessment. Retraining is being arranged
1297	Employee	3-Oct-2007	Arms	Other Known	Lost time >3 days	Whilst starting a disc cutter using pulling action right elbow caught a door handle causing swelling and grazing. Went straight to Caerphilly Miners had x-rays.	At interview, IP indicated that he had not given himself sufficient room to work. Advice given.
1463	Employee	3-Oct-2007	Trunk	Bruise/Contusion	Lost time >3 days	Placed step ladder up against scaffolding to paint down pipes. The steps slipped causing him to fall onto the scaffold bars.	IP trained in ladder safety. Retraining being considered
1648	Employee	26-Nov-2007	Back	Strain/Sprain	Lost time >3 days	While stretching down to dig out more soil for new rugby sockets pulled muscle and strained lower back	IP cleaning out post hole when injured. Referral to Occ Health being considered
1705	Employee	28-Nov-2007	Knee	Strain/Sprain	Lost time >3 days	Cutting back hedge with hedge trimmer, reaching out, slipped on wet ground and twisted knee.	IP may have reached too far, given the ground conditions. Advice to IP

Directorate of Education and Leisure

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1503	Employee	28-Nov-2007	Arms, Knees and Hands	Bruise/Contusion	Lost time >3 days	Wet surface, slipped on wet bread at main entrance at Bedwas High, no lighting conditions	The wet bread was someone's discarded sandwiches that had been thrown on the ground. There is a litter pick carried out by the caretaker at 11am and 2pm for approx one hour each time. Unfortunately pupils are dropping litter constantly there. The area was slippery - the caretaker has jet washed the area, plus Cleaning Services are going in at half term to scrub the area. As regards lighting - there are lights available and they are unable to say why they were switched off at the time.

1686	Employee	23-Nov-2007	Back	Strain/Sprain	Lost time >3 days	The IP asked the caretaker to help him move a large wooden table with computers on it. He injured his back whilst doing this, but did not report this at the time. This activity had not been directed by the Head Teacher.	A risk assessment had not been carried out as the Head Teacher was unaware of IP's intention to move the table. IP has not received manual handling training as this is not a normal part of his job description. In his Return to Work Interview IP stated that he is aware of how to lift appropriately, but he does have a weakness in his back. He did not feel that the weight being lifted was excessive.
1488	Employee	23-Oct-2007	Hand	Fracture	Lost time >3 days	An SEN student went to sit down next to IP, as he did he wobbled and sat down on IP's hand with a bump. IP's hand was trapped for a few seconds as pupil didn't understand that he needed to move off IP's hand. As he moved off the IP's hand it caused the IP's hand to twist.	No action required
1484	Employee	1-Oct-2007	Wrist Injury Back	Fracture (wrist) Strain/ Sprain (back)	Major Injury or Condition	Whilst getting out of car to lock the library gates IP slipped and fell (the surface was slippery as it was raining) just outside the gates - jarring her back and fracturing her wrist.	No defects - caused by rain making surface to area slippery. Actually outside of the library compound.

Directorate of Social Services

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1611		27-Oct-2007	Back	Strain/Sprain	Lost time >3 days	Knelt down to assist client in putting on socks and slippers when felt pain to lower back - found it very hard to get up. Back pain for rest of shift.	Investigation completed, no action required.
1475		24-Oct-2007	Back	Strain/Sprain	Lost time >3 days	The IP was assisting a client onto the commode with the help of the client's husband. When the client was being lowered onto commode she couldn't hold her own weight, and leant on the IP The IP saw her GP who diagnosed a sprain to her lower back.	An OT assessment was in place for the client and this is currently being reviewed. The employee is up to date with her manual handling training and a referral has been made to attend the Occ Health Dept.
1614		15-Oct-2007	Back	Strain/Sprain	Lost time >3 days	The IP was bending down, looking for shoes in client's room and felt a great pain in bottom of back. The IP confirmed that he did not hit against anything.	Investigation completed, no action required.

Injury to Member of Public

Accident Ref Number	Category	Accident Date	Injury Location	Injury Type	Reason Reportable	Details	Accident Investigation – Action taken
1267	Pupil	5/10/07	Head	Laceration	Taken to Hospital from scene of accident	Running on path to playground, ran into class window that was open and banged head. Head was cut and first aid given. Dressing applied with pressure until grandparent collected IP - taken to hospital and glued.	H&S Support Officer visited school - safety catch now attached to the window in question. All windows at the school open outwards - H&S Support Officer followed up with Property Services - it appears that safety catches were 'overlooked' at the time of installation - Property Services now progressing with DLO.
1415	Pupil	10/10/07	Knee	Dislocation	Taken to Hospital from scene of accident	The IP was in a ruck and fell awkwardly during the rugby match. Twisted his knee as he fell.	No investigation necessary - self explanatory - sporting injury.
1421	Pupil	11/10/07	Ankle	Strain/Sprain	Taken to Hospital from scene of accident	IP slipped on the stairs whilst walking down and went over his ankle.	Step edge was defective - this has been made good and all steps checked and made good where necessary.
1447	Pupil	26/10/07	Other	Fracture	Taken to Hospital from scene of accident	During rugby IP landed awkwardly on his right shoulder	No investigation necessary - self explanatory - sporting injury.
1681	Pupil	15/11/07	Wrist	Fracture	Taken to Hospital from scene of accident	IP was doing cartwheels in PE lesson - fell backwards on to hand.	No investigation necessary - self explanatory - sporting injury.

1694	Pupil	29/11/07	Finger	Foreign Body	Taken to Hospital from scene of accident	IP was threading the needle of an electric sewing machine when another pupil crawled under the table and accidentally pressed the pedal. The needle penetrated IP's right index finger and snapped, leaving half in the machine. IP stated that he pulled the remaining part out of his finger and discarded it.	Full account of incident provided by School at time.
1706	Member of Public	23/12/07	Arm	Fracture	Taken to Hospital from scene of accident	IP slipped apparently on black ice on a footpath and fell to the ground	MOP visited cemetery on a Sunday when there was no employee at work to check ground conditions, advise to Management on this subject