

INCIDENT FLASH: ANKLE FRACTURE – FALL FROM A LADDER



1. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

- At approximately 09:00 on 23 November 2020, a Storeman sustained an injury to his ankle. The Storeman was counting stock on a ladder and was attacked by a monkey. He fell from the ladder from a distance of 3 steps up the ladder/approximately 600-700mm from the ground, twisting his left ankle

2. IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Work stopped immediately and all relevant personal informed. The worker was taken to the Sapref Clinic for assessment and transported to St Augustine Hospital for X-rays
- An x-ray has confirmed that the storeman sustained fracture to his ankle. The patient has been provided with a moon boot and medication to manage the pain. The clinic and doctor will continue to monitor the patient

3. SKETCH/PHOTOGRAPH:



Where the injured was standing

4. PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF MAIN CAUSES

- Monkeys have access to the warehouse
- Storeman not aware of presence of monkeys at the point of climbing the ladder

5. FOLLOW UP ACTIONS PENDING OUTCOME OF FURTHER INVESTIGATION:

- Situational Awareness to be done before climbing on a ladder
- Investigate closing up of all open areas in the warehouse where monkeys can come in
- Consider security guard with water gun for chase away monkeys
- Update Task Risk Assessment and identify job hazards associated with the climbing of ladder and the required control barriers to prevent an incident.

6. INITIAL LESSONS LEARNT:

- Always be aware of ones surroundings.