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LEARNING FROM INCIDENT (LFI) – STAIRS MTC

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INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

- *Service provider was removing rubble from the renovation on the first floor of the control room to the ground floor, during renovations. He was transporting the rubble in a wheelie bin down the stairs when he missed a step and fell down the stairs. He landed on top of the bin and sustained slight injuries to his leg and face.*





INCIDENT ROOT CAUSE

- *The bin was loaded with pieces of dry wall and was full thus heavier to maneuver.*
- *The bin was being used to carry the rubble and the employee had to hold onto the bin with both hands.*
- *3-point contact not maintained while descending stairway.*
- *It was close to end of the workday and work needed to be completed before they left.*
- ***Insufficient Method statement definition/steps*** which result in gaps in risk identification and mitigations. Method statement and Risk assessment did not cover the housekeeping and transportation of material. Some steps not listed thus not risk assessed.
- Poor HSSE Competency from smaller companies.
- Low risk PTW documents approval process – Contract user/CH does not sign off PTW documents.



INCIDENT LEARNINGS

- Internal Risk assessment training to be revised – was shortened in view of time.
- Handrail signs to be displayed in all areas.
- Site visits prior to doing finalising Method statement and risk assessment.
- Enforce HIRA training for Risk assessors – to apply also for smaller companies. Consider Include in Contractor management process.
- Review number of permit issuers and or appoint dedicated Permit issuers for non-process areas.
- All on site Business partner companies to be part of weekly Safety meetings.



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