

Incident Learning: What happened?

A contractor on night shift was enroute from the office at the contractor's village to the ablution facility 20m away. It was very dark at the time due to load-shedding.

The contractor opened the door to exit the office and took hold of the handrail. While descending the three-step staircase, the contractor missed the second step and stumbled to the ground. The employee suffered facial lacerations after hitting the gravel surface. The left palm was bruised from attempting to break his fall.

The contractor immediately reported the incident to their superior and onsite emergency services. The contractor was treated at the onsite clinic and was referred and transported to the Milnerton Mediclinic for further observation by a medical practitioner. No major concerns were noted other than the visible bruises and lacerations. The contractor was discharged with no restrictions



What are the learnings for implementation?

- Maintain 3-point contact when climbing ladders or walking on platforms or stairs.
- Do not rush and take the necessary precautions when areas are not well-lit, especially during scheduled load-shedding.
- Keep your eyes on the path and use flashlights to improve visibility in the area