

# Safety Alert

## What happened?

A fitter working for our main contractor slipped and fell to the ground, breaking his forearm. This injury required surgery, and an overnight stay, which meant a WorkSafe notification was required.

The fall took place on an angled concrete pad adjacent to the Waipori 3 intake gate. As the gate was being removed (while hanging on crane) the person stepped back from it, and slipped, landing awkwardly on arm.

The injured person was released from hospital the following day and appears to be recovering well.



## What did we learn?

- Manawa put significant effort into having additional scaffold on this job, improving access to and from site, helping personnel avoid slippery/uneven terrain. It caught us off guard when someone injured themselves in an area we considered relatively safe.
- The site team were very well prepared, and responded very quickly to make the site safe (and reinstate crucial isolations). This shows how important it is that site representatives are contactable and available
- The area was not slippery on previous days when no rain was present. Some slight drizzle on the day decreased grip in the area – changing conditions contributed to the injury and should always be considered.