100% Safe SHE ALERT

MORGAN SINDALL CONSTRUCTION

Falling Edging Kerb results in a Fractured Foot

An operative sustained a fractured right foot while handling concrete flat-top edging kerbs. After the plastic banding securing a palletised pack of edging kerbs was removed, the kerbs initially remained stable. However, when the operative moved to the front of the pack to begin handling them, the top corner kerb became unstable and fell approximately 500 mm onto the mid-foot area behind the safety boot toe-cap, causing the injury





Learning points:

- Ensure materials/pallets are on level ground, check for leaning, damaged and displaced materials, Consider the direction in which materials could fall once bands are removed.
- Establish a potential fall/drop zone and keep feet away from the base of the pack.
- Remove or cut bands from a safe side position, Do not stand directly in front of or behind the load when removing banding.
- Maintain awareness that the load may move immediately or after a delay.
- Always use the correct tools to cut banding – shears or safety cutters.

Treat all loads as potentially unstable once restraints are removed. Assess stability, establish exclusion/drop zones, and keep clear until the load is positively controlled

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