



## Linesman sustains ankle injury

As a linesman stepped onto the ground from the cab of a Unimog truck, he turned his ankle resulting in him suffering a chipped bone along with ligament damage.

The ground at the time of the incident was baked hard due to the hot weather and was covered with a flat and level carpet of grass.

First aid was administered to the injured person on site before he was taken to a local hospital.

At the time of the incident the linesman was wearing his required PPE including boots which were correctly tied. The risk assessment did not identify any necessary additional control measures.



## Learning Points

1. Wear appropriate footwear, ensuring they are laced or fastened correctly
2. Where available, always use handholds and steps when ascending or descending any vehicle
3. Where available always hold handrails when using stairs
4. Ensure all work areas are clear of tripping hazards
5. Take extra care when walking across uneven ground

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