

SAFETY ALERT



TITLE: Infield Walking – Slips, Trips & Falls

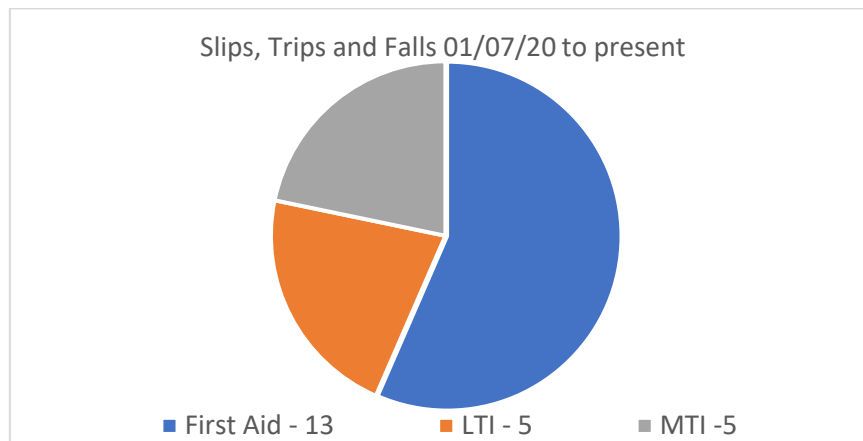
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Background

On 5 August, an FPC contractor employee tripped/slipped on uneven natural terrain striking their calf on the end of a log with resultant leg laceration requiring stitches. Long pants would likely have reduced the severity of the injury.

Since the 1st July 2020 there have been 23 reported incidents of slips, trips and falls.



- 13 resulted in first aid treatment.
- 10 required medical attention, of which 5 resulted in lost time.
- 16 of the 23 related to incidents associated with infield walking.

Key points

There are many slip/trip/fall hazards associated with forestry, with walking over uneven terrain a common cause of injury. Ongoing awareness of the environment and how it changes daily should be at the forefront before we commence work.

Reduce your risk

- Ensure lighting is adequate where ambient light isn't sufficient.
- Wear appropriate PPE, ensuring that it is in good condition e.g. work boots, long pants and long shirts.
- Be physically prepared, working in forestry is physically demanding.
- Assess the route you may need to traverse, consider alternatives.
- Plan your task, if inclement weather creates an increased risk, consider whether you can delay the task.