

Safety

Plant and Fleet Services

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Falling of 2.5t Overhead Crane Beam

Incident

While lifting an overhead crane beam off its carriages with a telehandler as part of a renovation project the load dropped. The original lift plan was found to be not possible and the sub contractor undertook an alternative method with out the Method Statement being re-approved. There was fortunately no personal injury to anyone on site as the area below had been cordoned off as required in the risk assessment.



An investigation has been undertaken and a number of key lessons highlighted including:

- All method statements and lift plan changes **MUST** be authorised before work can continue.
- All method statements should be fully reviewed and authorised.
- Competent contractor selection is critical.
- Communication must be improved between all relevant parties.

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