

Forecourts – TAKE CARE

November 2009 a member of the site team was struck by a reversing vehicle when helping a member of public.

WHAT HAPPENED ?

- The site was a live site (Trading) at pay at pump only.
- The site works did not involve any forecourt activities.
- The IP (Injured Party) was called over by a member of public as they required assistance with the pay at pump facility.
- When returning to his work area (Within closed shop) he walked behind a closed sided van parked at a pump.
- The van driver then decided to reverse back to the pump behind him.
- In doing so he struck the IP resulting in significant injuries (Dislocated and multiple fractured ankle).

This IP was wearing full PPE at the time (Hard hat, Viz Vest and protective footwear)

The reason for this alert is to raise the awareness of the risks when working or moving across live site forecourts.



Things to Consider:

- PPE is a last resort for any circumstance but **MUST** be worn if required.
- Has the risk been assessed for live forecourt activities?
- Have you seen the appropriate JHA for your assigned works?
- What are the Hazards?
- What are the Controls?
- Have you left your mobile phone in the site office or your vehicle?
- **No phones on forecourts** – These are a considerable distraction.
- Be aware of your surroundings – The risk of being struck is always there even if your just walking across the site i.e. the incident described above.