

# Chesterfield UK Lessons Learnt

## The Incident

At 1300 on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009 a Contractors site worker put his right foot in an open, unguarded, manhole and injured his right knee.

The Site Operatives who carried out the manhole work are no longer employed by the Contractor and the Site Supervisor has been removed from the project for Coteba.



## What went Wrong

- The JHA was not followed by the site team carrying out the work:
  - barriers were not used
  - manhole covers were left open when it was not needed to do so
- The Potential Incident (lack of barriers and open covers) was not raised by any Site workers, and was not corrected by the Site Supervisor.

## Lessons Learnt

- Site Operatives **MUST** follow the requirements of the JHA's
- Dangerous areas **MUST** be protected (such as barriers)
- Site Supervisors **MUST** enforce safety requirements on their site
- Near Miss and Potential Incidents are **EVERYONE'S** responsibility to report

# HSE Campaign 2010

This year the HSE are focusing on work at height through their 'Shattered Lives' Campaign.



The HSE inspectors will be looking to see if jobs that involve working at height have been: identified and properly planned to ensure that appropriate precautions are in place.

Further information is available from the HSE's web site:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/shatteredlives/resources.htm>

**In addition to this campaign they are also focusing on refurbishment sites – again !**

The HSE inspectors have said that they will be looking at whether:

- Equipment is correctly installed / assembled, inspected and maintained and used properly.
- Sites are well organised, to avoid trips and falls.
- Walkways and stairs are free from obstructions.
- Work areas are clear of unnecessary materials and waste