

## **SHARP INCREASE IN ACCIDENTS & INCIDENTS**

The last 2 weeks have seen a number of accidents to people whilst moving materials around sites.

- Colin Milkins hurt his wrist whilst unloading a drum
- A subbie bricklayer strained his back moving a manhole cover
- Agency labourer trapped thumb loading kerbs into a machine bucket

Whilst not serious accidents in themselves, all of them could have been avoided if more care had been taken, or if someone was asked to help move the materials.

### **CABLE STRIKE AT SOUTHMEAD**

At Southmead Hospital a tower crane cable was clipped by an excavator.

Whilst nobody was hurt, the investigation identified lapses in the issuing of the permit and there was no gap between the warning tape and the cable which we had installed earlier in the job.

If a gap had existing or better still the new CCL warning tape had been installed just below the surface, this incident would not have happened. A CAT scan had been undertaken but had not identified the presence of the cable.

### **LUCKY ESCAPE AT NBA**

However the most serious incident and luckiest escape occurred at North Birmingham Academy where a temporary lift shaft door fell off and knocked over Paul Gallagher.

Luckily it only fell a few feet and Paul was thankfully only shaken and not hurt. The initial investigation by Lend Lease points towards the failure of some 6mm bolts used to secure the door over the opening. Thankfully the bottom door, not the higher floor doors fell off, otherwise the consequences could have been horrendous.

The above accidents and incidents only remind us how dangerous even the most safety conscious sites are, and you need to be alert at all times and work with safety at the forefront of your minds.

If you do see any hazard please deal with it and give yourself a chance to win £500 in the monthly Hazard Spot Prize Draw.

**Think Safe, Work Safe, Stay Safe.**