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	Slip/Trip/Fall Accident at Hither Green	Issue Date: 10/03/15	Author: Steve Milroy

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On Sunday the 01st March 2015 a member of staff supplied to Works Delivery by M^C Ginley Support Services slipped on poor underfoot condition and fell causing severe bruising to the IP's lower back.

The IP was working in a Possession at Hither Green for Works Delivery carrying out Re-Railing when he lost his footing on a high Ballast Shoulder and fell backwards through some previously installed Vortex Fencing, landing awkwardly on a high level GRP Troughing Route.

The IP was walking along the Ballast Shoulder area at the time and was Track side of the Vortex Fencing meaning that as he reached out to support and steady himself he grabbed the Vortex Fencing and it subsequently gave way due to the nature of the design.

It is designed to act as a rigid barrier when CESS side but as a safety mechanism is designed to release from its fixings should pressure be applied from the Track Side and therefore was proved from a design perspective but proved ineffective when the IP grabbed it to prevent themselves from falling.

The IP then fell against the GRP Troughing Route, jarring and bruising their lower back area. The IP visited hospital as a precaution where the injury of bruising was confirmed.



Example of Vortex Fencing Similar to that on site and an example of the GRP similar to that which the IP fell against.

- Always observe where you are walking and the hazards in that location
- Take extra care when walking up and down any type of inclined surface including ballast shoulders
- Look ahead to observe hazards and warn other members of the team

This is the 3rd Slip, trip and fall accident experienced in Works Delivery South East Route YTD (YTD-20% of total accidents)