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IP slipping and falling over hitting his head

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Description of Accident

On Sunday 30th August a member of the Off-Track Section was the supervisor for a wheel timber job at Chipstead. As he was walking down the slope along the public footpath at Sherwell's Crossing (approx. 3 meters away from the access point) he slipped on some mud, fell and hit the back of his head.

The IP was feeling ok and did not require any medical attention at the time but by Tuesday morning 01st September he was experiencing severe pain in his neck and hip. He obtained medical advice from his GP and is currently off sick until further notice.



Cause(s) of the Accident

The IP slipped whilst walking down a muddy slope resulting in him falling, bumping the back of his head and also injuring his hip and neck.

The visibility was good at the time of the accident but the IP believes that the underfoot conditions would have been made worse by the constant rain the night before. His boots are in a good condition.

Action to prevent similar accidents

Staff to be reminded to be aware of the underfoot conditions at all times and to take extra care when working in adverse weather conditions.