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## INTERNAL SAFETY ALERT

### Eurovia Roadstone – Fractured arm bone

Ref 038

DATE: 31/08/2021  
TIME: 00:00hrs  
LOCATION: Ipswich  
DIVISION: Eurovia Roadstone

An asphalt plant operative injured his arm at work suffering a hairline bone fracture. This has been reported to the HSE (Health & Safety Executive) as a RIDDOR injury incident.

The operative had undertaken a site check, after noticing aggregate spillage around the hopper bins then returned to begin cleaning up below the cold feeds when they noticed an old section of rubber belt caught up in the main drive belt. They believed this section of belt must have been left behind from a previous belt repair.

The operative attempted to remove the section of broken belt (wedged in place), whilst pulling the belt it suddenly became free causing his arm to continue moving backwards with force and striking his elbow on the side of a protruding stub bolt attached to the side of the cold feed.

The operative claimed he followed the lock off procedure, but this was not evidenced through the permitting process, this could lead to a more serious incident if the correct process is not followed.

- Ensure the equipment is locked out.
- Ensure on completion of maintenance activities that all tools, equipment and materials not required are removed from the area.
- All repairs should be completed as per manufacturer specifications.
- A check should be completed to ensure the area is clear of any debris prior to refitting any guards and reconnecting safety devices.
- A final check should be carried out on any repair to ensure it is working safely before signing off as complete.

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