

Event details

Date of incident: 08/07/2026

Time of incident: 23:59

Location of incident: St Peters Road Underbridge

Route: Kent

Discipline: B&C Structures

Event description: IP and staff were installing a mano flex curtain for encapsulation to carry out a jet wash on the bridge structure VIR 836 St Peters Road (Broadstairs 77m 11ch). To carry out this work, they were using magnets which were attached to the underside of the bridge structure. A magnet then came loose and fell from the structure on to the IP (PPE hard hat), which caused a cut on his head.

The IP was taken to hospital by another member of staff. All work stopped.

Who was involved? IP and staff

Any injuries and updates on persons involved: Cut to head requiring stitches and precautionary tetanus.

Initial causes identified:

- Magnet fell during installation of Visqueen Curtain.

Key issues for the investigation to consider:

- Were the magnets being installed as per Temporary Works Design?
- Are drop zone risks included on the Task Briefing Sheet?
- What was the cause of the magnet dropping?

Don't Wait – Act Now!

Whilst the investigation is ongoing, we do not need to wait to act.

Some simple reminders:

- Consider the use of mandatory exclusion zones.
- Always ensure you have carried out a temporary works inspection post installation.
- When installing temporary works, always ensure that you have considered the state of asset during installation.

Immediate actions taken:

- Works stopped
- Route control advised
- Investigation underway

Could this happen in another location: Yes

DCP: Tim Jackson

Level of investigation: Level 1

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