



Roads, Vehicles & Equipment

Safety Alert

Head Injury Sustained from Guard Rail

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1. Introduction

On the 24th November a ramp agent was struck on the head by the guard rail of a belt loader that they were in the process of lowering from the raised position. The guard rail was being lowered to facilitate the loading of an out-of-gauge piece of cargo into the hold of an aircraft. The ramp agent sustained a cut to the head that required hospital treatment.

2. Safety Considerations

- What is your company's process for loading out-of-gauge items using belt loaders and are you familiar with the process?
- What steps can you take to ensure that colleagues are protected from being struck by moving or unsecured guard rails?

Enquiries

Any questions regarding this Safety Alert should be addressed to airside_safety@heathrow.com

Additional information, Operational Safety Instructions (OSIs) and Operational Advice Notices (OANs) can be found at [heathrow.com/airside/useful-publications](https://www.heathrow.com/airside/useful-publications)

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