

Thameslink Programme

Health & Safety – Good Practice 036

Bridgeway Strapman's Bag

Overview

Whilst walking down the 4 Foot on the Up Holborn Slow, a Bridgeway Operative slipped causing the DC Short Circuit Straps to come into contact with the live conductor rail.

Description

With Earthing Straps being such a vital piece of equipment for carrying out the works on Thameslink, Bridgeway wanted to improve safety by designing a bag to easily transport earthing equipment to and from site of work.

Involving our staff at the design stage was key to developing a prototype bag. After sharing the first design with staff they gave constructive feedback and ideas for improvement.

Taking on board all staff feedback we sourced a brighter Orange wipe clean material and a chest/abdomen strap was added to the design to enhance support for the operative.

The bag enables staff to carry the earths in the main compartment, a Velcro strap on the lid of the bag to carry their shovel and other compartments to carry any other equipment required. We also added a chest and abdomen strap which helps with supporting the weight of the bag.

Benefits

- Ability to carry earthing straps and other equipment safely and easily
- Reducing the risk of tripping and slipping due to carrying uneven loads
- Freeing up the operative's hands to perform other tasks or to break fall if required



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