

SAFETY ALERT

Germany



Tiler Tripping Incident
Pforzheim Germany
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Before leaving the site, a tiler intended to clean his tools in an area outside the future forecourt in order not to damage the base grade. For this, he left the road area. Stepping into the future green area he tripped over the curb stone already in place and fell down on his shoulder, resulting in a shoulder dislocation. He had reeducation and was 3 weeks away from work.

What went wrong?

- The tiler was inattentive while walking into the green area
- He was already at home with his thoughts
- He chose the wrong place to clean his tools instead of the designated waste area
- He crossed a curb stone at a place, which was not designated for walking
- The green area was not barricaded due to the fact, that the walk ways were free and the future green area had no activity planned except gardening work

Lessons learnt:

- Always keep your attentiveness until end of the day
- One important task on site is, to prevent and to eliminate tripping hazards
- Steps and curb stones will remain on site which has the potential for trips and falls
- Therefore all involved persons have to pay the most possible attention during all phases of their work!
- This accident shows that tripping hazards at some time will lead to an incident
- Everybody has to avoid tripping hazards as much as possible
- Areas, where tripping hazards cannot be eliminated, have to be avoided as much as possible
- Bumpy and hazardous areas have to be barricaded as far as possible

If it is not safe, don't work
If you have doubts: stop!

