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Fatal injury at Bottesford

“On Wednesday 16th October 2019, there was an incident involving a lifting operation at Balfour Beatty Ground Engineering’s pre-cast piling facility at Bottesford. Tragically, as a result of the incident, one of our colleagues has suffered fatal injuries.

The facility is currently closed and investigations are underway.

We will share further details when we can. We will also highlight any early lessons from this incident that could help us keep people safe from harm - please take some time to carefully review all your working arrangements involving lifting operations on your project.

Please stay vigilant and always be prepared to act if you see anything unsafe.

This is a terrible incident and our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with their family, friends and colleagues.”

- Dean Banks, CEO Balfour Beatty UK Construction Services

With this in mind make sure you check your planned works and permits, and confirm that everything is correct prior to proceeding.

- Lift Plans in place and adhered too
- Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) is worn at all times
- Report any concerns or defects immediately

Please keep in mind the Balfour Beatty 4 Golden rules

Golden Rule No.1
BE FIT FOR WORK
Advise your Supervisor/ Manager prior to starting work if you have any health issues (mind and body) which mean you are unfit to work.

Golden Rule No.2
ALWAYS RECEIVE A BRIEFING BEFORE STARTING WORK
Only start work once you have been briefed and fully understand the task, associated risks, controls and rules. Follow all rules.

Golden Rule No.3
REPORT ALL UNSAFE EVENTS AND CONDITIONS
Take care of yourself and others at all times, positively intervening when something is not safe or correct.

Golden Rule No.4
STOP WORK IF ANYTHING CHANGES
Ensure that work stops and the Supervisors/Manager is informed when there are changes to the planned safe system of work, or if you are concerned that the activities are unsafe.