



SAFETY ALERT - #06-2007
JOINT INJURIES – WORKER SLIPS ON ICE
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Function: Seismic	Incident Date: January 21, 2007
Location: Onshore	Location Detail: Seismic field operations
Incident Type: Injury	Country and Region: Canada, Central Alberta

Description of Incident:

A worker exited his vehicle at a staging area and while moving toward the rear of the vehicle slipped on a patch of ice severely straining his left knee. First aid was administered and the worker was transported to a local medical facility for examination. The worker is now on a modified work program and is recovering from the injury.

Outcomes and Recommendations:

During the investigation, it was discovered that the worker had suffered a prior injury to the knee during recreational activities. The prior injury resulted in instability in the knee. It became apparent that a joint brace should have been worn during any activity that could put undue strain on the joint (such as slippery or bad terrain). Recommendations have included that all frontline supervisors stress the requirement of workers to wear all joint braces that have been prescribed or deemed necessary as part of an employees personal protective equipment when performing activities that could re-injure a compromised joint.

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