

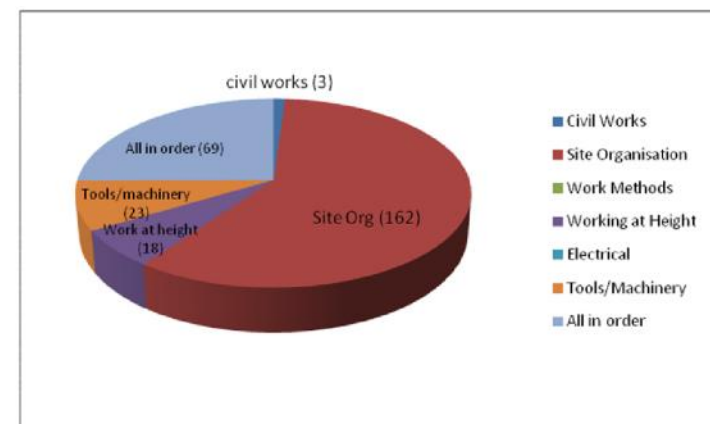
# KILLARNEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD

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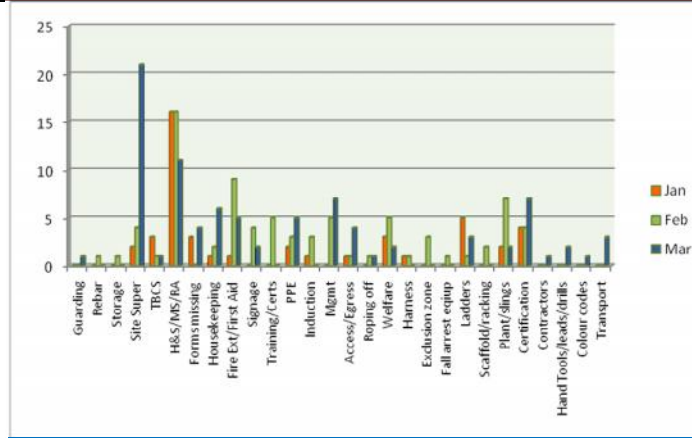
<b>Accidents – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter</b>	<b>Total = 0</b>
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<b>Medical – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter</b>	<b>Total = 0</b>
<b>Near Misses – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter</b>	<b>Total = 141</b>

- Protestor wouldn't let excavator down off lowloader.
- Racks on forklift were overloaded. When I cut strap which was supporting them they fell down almost causing me to hurt my knee.
- Van skidded on ice on the main route while trying to access site
- Crew could not open anti-climb gates so used ladder to climb over the anti climb gates
- While carrying slabs up stairwell I slipped on a step and dropped the slabs – grazed my arms trying to save slabs
- One u-bolt fell down from tower
- Handrail taken down and not replaced
- When teleporter was reversing, operative walked too close to the rear
- Tripped over a piece of timber
- Tripped while entering site
- Slipped on stones when approaching office
- Jeep nearly reversed into bystanders back
- Tripped over rebar protruding from the ground
- Grazed my hand on sharp edge while climbing access ladder
- Grazed my hand against slate on edge of rooftop
- Slipped on ladder to rooftop
- Hit link dish while climbing monopole. Dish was installed in climbers access path
- Almost stepped on broken pallet with nails protruding from it
- While cutting trench with consaw, came across another trench with live cables present
- While excavating, came across existing ducts with no marker tape and not highlighted on drawings
- Operative not wearing gloves while tying steel
- No exclusion zone set up around consaw
- Unit fell off delivery truck when delivery man opened curtain
- Tripped over some ESB ducting which was left in a bad location
- Cherrypicker stalled in the air due to wind
- When lifting hose for pump a tool was catapulted into the air landing between 2 operatives
- Drill jumped when drilling hole for cantilever hole
- During site walk PM slipped and tumbled down peat verge

## Deviation breakdown for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter



## Breakdown of deviations in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter



## Safety Audits Summary

AUDIT FINDINGS SUMMARY - 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter	Total
Number of staff audited	676
Number of Audits	218
All in Order	71
<b>Civil Works</b> - Edge Protection, Excavations, Work Permits, Rebar, Scaffolding, Opes, Ducts, Confined Spaces, Storage, Guarding	3
<b>Site Organisation</b> - Site Supervisor role/control, TBCS, Method Statement, Risk Assessment, Housekeeping, Signage, Training/Certification, PPE, Induction, Parking, Hazard Mgmt, Access/Egress, Roping off/Barriers	162
<b>Work Methods</b> - Pulling, Lifting, Cutting, Concreting, Hammering, Drilling, Erecting, Carrying, Manual Handling	0
<b>Working at Height</b> - Climbing, Harness, Exclusion Zone, Tool Bags, Fall arrest equipment, Edge Protection	18
<b>Electrical</b> - Earthing, Close Proximity, Stay Wires, Goal Posts	0
<b>Tools/Machinery</b> - Hand tools, Plant, Slings, Pull Lifts, Colour Codes, SWL, Certification, Check valves, Leads, Drills, Restrictions, Transport	23

Our data shows us that the **Site Organization** group of issues was the most common reason for negative deviations. We need to ensure that tailboard sheets are correctly filled in, sites are tidy, required certification is present on site; signage is correctly placed, visible and clean. Also, if there are any issues with PPE – please contact one of our H&S department.

## Toolbox Talks – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter

- Awareness of ground conditions when taking delivery of plant/machinery
- Housekeeping
- Keeping road signage clean
- Securing plant/machinery when leaving site
- Safe driving

## KTL Reporting Procedures

Lost Time Injury (LTI)	This is an injury resulting in an individual on the site being un-able to attend his/her next planned working shift (i.e. Absent from the next days work - <b>no longer</b> )  LTI's must be verbally reported to your Site Supervisor. The Site Supervisor must report to Project Manager, Safety Officer and Managing Director immediately. Safety officer will Submit initial report in writing to Client within 24hrs. Carry out Accident investigation and issue report within 14days.
LTI Reportable to HSA	If the individual is injured and does not return to work for three consecutive days (including Sat/Sun - not including the day of the accident) then this must be reported to the Health and Safety Authority in writing.  Same as above but also the LTI must be reported to the HSA on an IR1 form downloadable from <a href="http://www.hsa.ie">www.hsa.ie</a>
Minor Injury (MI)	This is an injury which does not lead to an individual being absent from the site for more than the current working day  Verbally report minor injury to your Site Supervisor immediately. The Site Supervisor shall inform Project Manager. Submit written incident report form within 3 working days
Near Miss (NM)	A near miss is an event or happening that did not result in an injury but had the potential to cause harm or injury to persons (including visitors or members of the public) or damage to plant or equipment. It includes the discovery of unsafe plant, equipment or conditions. Near Miss reporting shall be encouraged and viewed in a positive perspective when reviewing safety records. Urgent and serious near misses must always be reported  Verbally report Near Miss to your Site Supervisor within 1 working day. Site Supervisor shall follow up with written report (Near miss report form) by the next Site Progress Meeting)

## Safety alerts!

- Colour code for this period is: **BLUE**
- EVERYONE** who enters site **must be inducted**
- Ensure all hired plant has certification
- Keep sites tidy to reduce trip hazards
- Always wear PPE appropriate to the job
- Do not take risks – if its not safe, don't do it!!

## Slips, trips & falls

Every year hundreds of people are injured by slipping, tripping or falling and many are left with painful injuries. The [Get a grip](#) (440Kb) short guide will help you to prevent slips, trips and falls in your workplace. The guide is displayed here on the noticeboard and in the kitchen.

Falls can be fatal. Slip, trip and fall accidents account for about 1 in 5 of all accidents reported to the HSA and are the second highest cause of accidents. They are preventable and everybody has a role to play.

### Slips, trips and falls are serious:

- They account for about 1 in 5 of all 4+ day injuries.
- Of those, 1 in 5 (278) people were unable to work for over a month.
- 44% (428) of Injuries Board liability awards were for slips, trips and falls in 2008.

The [European Agency for Safety and Health at Work](#) say "Slips, trips and falls are the largest cause of accidents in all sectors from heavy manufacturing through to office work. In the Member States they have been identified as the main causes of accidents that result in more than 3 days absence from work. Accident risks are higher for those employed in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), particularly those in enterprises with less than 50 employees. Use of simple control measures can reduce the risk of injury from slips and trips."

## KTL is a winner of a Deloitte Best Managed Companies Award 2010!

On 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010, KTL won a prestigious Deloitte & Touche Best Managed Company award. To be considered for the award, companies participated in an application process involving 2 seperate phases. We are delighted to announce we have succeeded in winning a Deloitte Best Managed Companies award and are now listed in the Top 20 Best Managed Companies in Ireland.

The Deloitte Best Managed Companies awards programme, in association with Bank of Scotland (Ireland) Limited, has been developed to recognise Irish companies on the island of Ireland operating at the highest levels of business performance.

