



ALERT

Call to Arms – Hand/Power Tools

Despite a recent 'Call to Arms' in March 2016, H&S performance across the Programme has failed to improve and we continue to see significant levels of serious incidents.

These incidents have included a particularly high number involving hand/power tools raising concerns around the controls being put in place and competence of those using these tools.

Summary of incidents involving Hand/Power Tools:

- IP was drilling through containment whilst holding it in place with his other hand. Drill bit caught the glove of finger, twisting and dislocating it.
- While cutting notchings for formwork sections using a cutting saw, IP's left index finger came into contact with the cutting blade. IP has had operation to remove top section of the finger.
- Operative was using a sledge hammer to close a plate on a concrete block. When sledge hammer came into contact with metal plate, a shard broke away and struck an operative in the leg.
- IP was collecting a tool being handed down to him from an operative on the flat bed of a train. Tool slipped out of IP's hand and dropped onto IP's foot, fracturing the right toe.



Actions Required:

- Review effectiveness of hand/power tools and work equipment control measures.
- Extended toolbox talks with all shifts to discuss and raise awareness of these incidents.
- Remember think before you act and remain focused.
- Remember the Golden Rules and apply them to all that you do.



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