

# Health and Safety Alert

## Infrastructure Alliance repair clamp incident

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## Injury to a colleague

We are currently investigating an incident in which a colleague in the Infrastructure Alliance suffered a fractured eye socket and broken fingers whilst undertaking the installation of a repair clamp on a burst water main. It is believed that the clamp gave way from the main with the IP still in the excavation, flooding the area and forcing debris into his face and hand.

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A full investigation is currently underway, and learning points will be shared in due course. In the meantime, please ensure that:

- Operatives do not re-enter excavations during re-charge.
- The appropriate manufacturer's instructions are available, understood and followed when using repair clamps.
- Operatives are trained and competent to undertake clamp repairs.
- The condition of work equipment is regularly inspected and fit for purpose.
- A suitable risk assessment and safe system of work is available and understood to all those that might be at risk.

Nothing is so important that it cannot be done in a safe and controlled manner

We the undersigned have been made aware of the contents of this briefing..

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