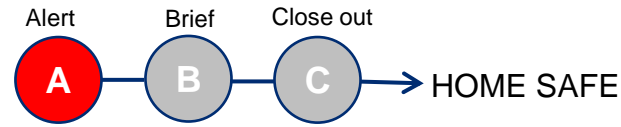


# SHE ALERT

## Cut Side / Thumb Fracture



Date of incident	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2024		Directorate	Large Capital Delivery	
Region	Delivery SHEPD	Location	Inverness	Classification	MTI

### What happened ?

Our contract partner operative was acting as a banksman during excavation works when they thought they noticed service marker tape in the excavation. To get a closer look, the IP moved forward, inadvertently stepping out of the line of sight of the excavator operator and into the slewing arc of the excavator arm.

The excavator operator had begun slewing the arm back towards the trench. The IP noticed the arm of the excavator approaching them, and as a defensive reaction, raised their hands to cushion for any potential impact. At this point they jumped to their left, landing in the open excavation causing a cut to their side at the pelvic area and a fractured thumb.

An investigation is currently being conducted by our contract partners. While we await the final report, please keep the following safety reminders in mind to ensure everyone gets home safely.

**Line of Fire** – When working with plant and equipment, ensure you are always in a position of safety and not within any line of fire zones.

### Plan, Scan, Adapt – Life Saving Habits

Follow this process diligently and adhere to our life-saving habits to maintain a safe working environment. Incorporate dynamic risk assessment principles into daily operations.



#### Line of Fire

Keep yourself and others out of the line of fire

- I position myself to avoid:
  - moving objects
  - vehicles
  - pressure releases
  - dropped objects
- I establish and obey barriers and exclusion zones
- I take action to secure loose objects and report potential dropped objects

