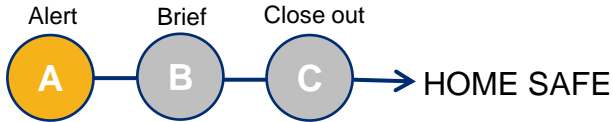


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Crushed thumb



Date of incident	26th April 2024		Directorate	Operations SEPD	
Region	Works Delivery	Location	Reading	Classification	Contractor MTI
What happened					
<p>Our contract partner was clearing a section of trees on a bank to prepare for over headline works. They had finished clearing one of the dieback trees and was in the process of cutting the tree stump down when a sycamore tree that was behind them uprooted and fell.</p> <p>The tree fell onto our colleague's hand and trapped their thumb in between the tree and his chainsaw. Our colleague received first aid on site and was taken to hospital where they received stitches. While we are investigating this incident please remember the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider when surrounding trees are removed how they could be impacted due to them being supported by tree canopies, dying, diseased or having shallow root systems• Beware of any changes that have been created in your surrounding by the works you have undertaken• Remind yourself of the emergency procedures.					

