



Safety Alert

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Safety Glasses

One of our Linesperson's recently suffered a serious eye injury when using a hammer to fit a steel staple into a wood pole.

Information is limited at this stage, but we believe that when the staple was being driven into the pole it recoiled and passed underneath our colleagues eye protection through the gap between the safety glasses and their cheek.

The event is being investigated and we will share the details and learning points at the appropriate time. This accident serves as a reminder of the many hazards we face and the risks that we need to assess and manage for every task, on every job, every day.

Please remember to always:

- Ensure the eye protection being used is suitable for the work being undertaken.
- Check that your safety eyewear is in good condition, creates a tight seal around your eyes, and stays in place to prevent things from getting behind the lens of the safety glasses.
- Further details of our PPE policy can be seen in HAS/029 – Policy for Personal Protective Equipment. See Appendix 2 for details of minimum eye protection in relation to particular processes / activities. http://intranet/applications/DBD/DBD_CEEUK/docs/HAS029.pdf