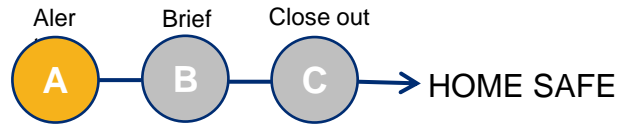
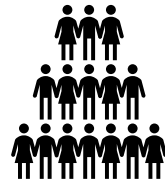


# SHE ALERT

## Cut Hand



Date of incident which is raised in days	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024		Directorate	Operations SEPD	
Region	South East	Location	Isle of Wight	Classification	MTI

What happened ?

**Line of Fire** – This could happen to everyone  
 This highlights the risks involved when using a knife

Our colleague was removing a sign from a caged store area using a jointing knife when they slipped and cut the palm of their hand, first aid was given on site and they were taken to hospital where they received 1 internal stitch and 7 external stitches to close the wound.

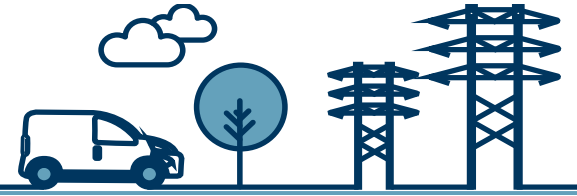
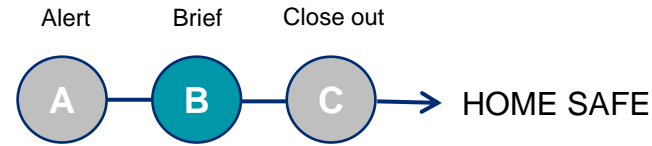
**Whilst we are investigating this incident it is important to remember to:**

- Plan every job before completing even if it's 'Only' something quick and ensure you complete a risk assessment.
- If you get distracted during a task remember to complete a 20 second scan before commencing work again. What is your habit for getting back into a "safer" frame of mind?
- Always use the correct tool and technique for the task and wear the correct PPE.
- Where do you find the approved tools and PPE list?



# SHE BRIEF

## Cut Hand



### Key initial learnings to be shared more widely

Following the investigation, it was found that our colleague was removing signs from the cages using a jointers knife within stores. They got to the last sign when they received a call from a delivery driver letting them know the delivery will be an hour early. To take the call our colleague removed their glove and forgot to put it back on when they cut the last cable tie. Whilst cutting the last cable tie they needed some more force which caused them to slipped cutting their hand.

#### Learnings:

- Wrong tool selection – side cutters should have been used to remove cable ties.
- No PPE – Gloves were not put back on after the call. Our colleague did not need to remove the glove as our new gloves are touchscreen compatible.
- Body position – Cut hand was in the line of fire to the cutting action.
- Distraction – Cable delivery was an hour early which prompted a time pressure factor into the task.
- Dynamic risk assessment (20 second scan) not completed before returning to task.

#### Next Steps:

- General Risk Assessments for stores to be reviewed.
- Dynamic risk assessment SATT to be planned for August.
- Knives not be used in stores side cutters should be used for cutting cable ties and box cutters to be used to open boxes.



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Box cutter available from iBuy

