



FIRST ALERT

23 July 2025

Lines worker sustained a crushed finger injury

The worker was adjusting the chain in the 'keeper', on a lowbed transport trailer, when the Machine Operator, on the opposite side and slightly obscured by the trailer goose neck, operated the hydraulics to lower the trailer's loading ramps. The chains suddenly becoming tight and trapping the workers finger between the chain and the ramp resulting in an LTI due to the extent of the crush injury.

This is a timely reminder of the importance of following the fundamental principles of effective communication, especially when:

- Workers are performing routine tasks involving heavy plant equipment without a direct line of sight,
- Wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) specific to the task at hand, and
- Remaining constantly aware of potential pinch points in the work environment.

An investigation has commenced to determine the root cause, given the moderate potential consequence of this injury with the worker expected to make a full recovery

The worker was wearing appropriate gloves for the task.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

The area was made safe and first Aid provided and transported to an A&E for further assessment and treatment

