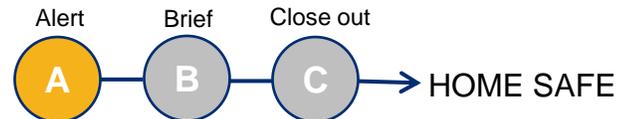


SHE ALERT

Finger Injury



Date of incident	11 th April 2025		Directorate	SHEPD Operations	
Region	Caledonia	Location	Persley	Classification	MTI
What happened ?					
<p>Our contract partner colleague was cutting grass prior to sowing grass seed using a Stihl FS60 strimmer with a blade attachment.</p> <p>In the area being cut, there was a metal peg hidden in the in the grass which propelled up and penetrated their middle finger on their left hand.</p> <p>They attended the local hospital, and the object was surgically removed. The injured person returned to work on the next working day.</p> <p>While the investigation is ongoing, we wanted to share some initial learning points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important to choose the correct/appropriate tool for the task. The blade attachment used is more commonly used when cutting woody brash e.g. brambles. • The guard you can see in the picture was removed as it was too small for this attachment and not replaced. Guards should be used with strimmers. • Ensure you are wearing all the correct PPE for the task. 					

