



Lessons Learnt – LL056

Trapped fingers around moving objects

This Alert is applicable to:

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Date of issue: 02/11/2015

Incident	Description
<i>Date incident happened</i>	Between last year and this year a number of incidents have occurred where a person has trapped their hand or finger when something has moved and below are a couple of recent examples.
<i>Why it happened</i>	Hand caught - Tree rolled whilst unhooking winch rope, jamming finger Finger cut - Caught up in hand line block Finger trapped – Misplaced finger moving auger onto a trailer Crushed finger – Boot door was slammed shut on top of finger
<i>The important things you should remember about this</i>	Protecting your fingers and hands is important for your quality of life and work. Complacency can be one of the biggest issues we face in completing day to day tasks. We can get used to things being a certain way each time. Watch, focus and challenge! Turn safe actions into subconscious habits. When you practice good safety, it becomes the normal way of doing things.
<i>What you must do in future OR What will happen next</i>	Stop and Take 5. You are the best person to assess hazards before starting and during a job. Engage the mind before the hands by investing 5 moments to step through the job in your mind to identify plans to control hazards before starting the job. Taking the time to do this is encouraged and part of the job. Stay out of auto-pilot and drive good behaviours for yourself and your team. Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including gloves. It's a last line of defence and hand protection lessens injuries.
<i>SM-EI Reference</i>	1.303 Hazard Identification and Risk Management 2.1011 Winching and Hauling Safe Use of Machinery, Best Practice Guidelines, WorkSafe NZ
<i>Risk Register ID</i>	Risk Register ID 13 – Contact with moving parts of machinery 387 – Risk of entrapment 459 – Pinch point created by moving machinery Uncontrolled release of mechanical stored energy (new entry)
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