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Date of issue: 13/8/2014

| Incident | Description |
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| <i>Date of Event</i> | 11 August 2014 |
| <i>Location</i> | Prescott Road, Ruakaka, Northland |
| <i>Time</i> | 10:30 |
| <i>Injuries/Damage sustained</i> | Broken wrist requiring a plaster cast for at least 6 weeks |
| <i>Event Description</i> | <p>A concrete pole had been off-loaded from a line truck and placed on the ground ready for installation. The lifting chain was removed from the pole in preparation for installing it. Injured person was resting his hand on the crane extension arm when the crane operator retracted the extension arm of the boom. The operator could see the person, but could not see that his hand was resting on a pinch point on the extension arm of the boom.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> Injured Hand Hand Placement Re-enactment of Event </div> |
| <i>Actions Required / Messages</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The crane operator must ensure everyone is clear from the crane and load before commencing operation. 2) Appoint a Safety Observer where vision is obscured. 3) Communication between the operator and any person involved with the rigging of loads needs to be clearly understood before any operation of plant commences. 4) Only competent crane operators trained to WTC 14.1. are allowed to operate the crane. Trainees must be under the direct supervision of someone who holds WTC 14.1 before they are allowed to operate the crane. 5) Appropriate plant, equipment & PPE for the task must be used at all times. 6) The incident is currently under investigation and a Lessons Learnt will be issued in due course. |
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