



Safety Alert – SA378

Fractured Finger – Vegetation works

Q-Pulse Number: NPRR16324

Maximo Number: 96876

Incident	Description
<i>Date of Event:</i> 28/02/2017	<i>Time:</i> 12:05 <i>Location:</i> OHK-EDG-A0068-0069 224D SH5 RD3
<i>Investigation Status:</i>	N/A Complete Closed
Re-enactment photo 	Event Description: A four man Vegetation crew were working on the OHK-EDG-A 68-69, removing sag poplar trees. After felling one of the trees there was a metre high stump left behind which required cutting. When the employee had completed the cut he pushed it over with his hand; the stump came into contact with surrounding scrub and pushed the stump back into employee's thumb.
<i>Potential Outcome:</i>	The employee sustained a fractured thumb. The investigation identified the following: • Best Practice Guidelines were not followed • Lack of planning • Failure to identify the overgrown scrub as a hazard in the pre-start
<i>Actions Required / Messages:</i>	The Vegetation Work Instruction TM-VG-WI002 is to be updated to include the planning process around clearing scrub around the base of the trees prior to felling. Note: This update must be communicated to all vegetation crews across the Northpower business.
Worksafe Best Practice Guidelines for Safe Manual Tree Felling 2.2.3	Preparation of the work areas and escape route Clear vegetation and obstacles from around the base of the tree.
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