

# SAFETY ALERT

## Broken nose while cutting PE pipe – IMMEDIATE CHANGE TO CUTTING PROCEDURE

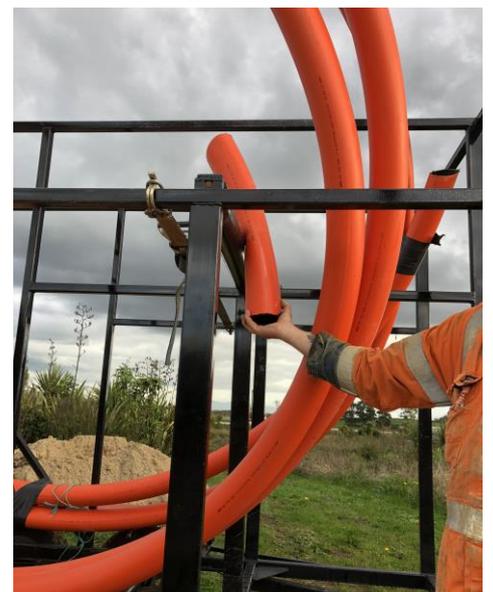
### The Event

#### Background:

While undertaking drilling pull back to install 125mm PE pipe, the pipe jammed up and kinked on the roller. A decision was made to cut the pipe above the kink.

While conducting the cut using the method shown below, an employee suffered a broken nose when the pipe whipped back and hit him in the face.

This was caused by the pipe being under tension, and not being secured as close as reasonably practical to the cut location.



### Safety Learnings / Safety Messages

- This is an easily avoidable incident!!!
- **Any cuts of PE pipe larger than 63mm need to be completed while the pipe is secured as close as reasonably practical at either side of the cut location, to minimise whip back**, by any means necessary e.g.:
  - Secured by ropes
  - Secured by strops
- This will minimise any further instances of this occurring

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