



Cut hand stripping cable

WHAT HAPPENED?

Whilst a Trainee was stripping a cable, the cable stripping knife slipped, resulting in a cut to the base of the thumb requiring medical treatment and seven stitches.

IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN

Pressure was applied to the wound and the worker was taken to the emergency hospital for medical attention.



Figure 1 - The IP's cut to thumb

ROOT CAUSE

- Position of the hand whilst cutting cable.
- The worker had taken their gloves off to check the time on their phone and forgot to put gloves back on.

LEARNINGS

- Always cut away from yourself.
- Always wear the correct PPE for the task being undertaken.
- Use the correct method and procedure for the task being conducted.
- Stay focused on the task to ensure all safety measures are in place e.g. where stopping to check the time on your phone and removing your gloves, you need to remember to put your gloves back on.

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