

First Alert Blasting Injury

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Date of issue: 20/09/2016

Maximo No: 93802

Incident	Description
<i>Date of Event</i>	20 th September 2016
<i>Location</i>	Rangiotu Road, South of Palmerston North
<i>BPE HAY A</i>	Tower Painting
<i>Who has been notified of the Event</i>	Murray Cross – Transpower Project Manager Peter Wilkinson – Northpower Regional Manager
<i>What happened</i>	<p>A Northpower Tower Refurbishment employee suffered a blasting injury while working on a structure with 3 other crew members. The supervisor communicated to the ground crew that he would shut down the blast units in order to change over the water supply. As part of the correct procedure the emergency stops were depressed on each blast unit whilst this action took place.</p> <p>One of the blasting operators failed to remove his safety magnet from his gun controller and he also left his blast nozzle draped over a steel member. The supervisor then communicated to the blast crew that they were now ready to power the units back on and as the power was returning to the blast unit the operators gun started waving around causing the blast media to strike the operator under the chin. The Supervisor immediately engaged the emergency stops and the employee descended the tower.</p>
<i>Injuries/Damage sustained</i>	Graze to the employees chin, top lip and the end of his nose.
<i>Who was involved</i>	Northpower Tower Refurbisher
<i>Initial Actions Taken</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employee was given first aid immediately and transported to the nearest medical facility for a medical check where he was given the clearance to return to work. A staff debrief was held to discuss and review the blasting and shut down procedures.
<i>Actions Required / Messages</i>	An investigation is underway
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