

Incident Alert



Incident Title:

Crushed thumb in doorframe while moving cabinet

Date of Incident:

Thursday 22 January, 2015

Incident Description and Details:

While carrying an empty communications cabinet through a doorway at Wilton Substation (along with another technician) a Transfield Services employee has crushed his left thumb between the doorway and the cabinet. He was wearing gloves at the time of the incident.

Immediate Actions

- The work operation was stopped.
- The employee received initial first aid on site and was then transported to Wellington hospital where he was admitted overnight and is awaiting surgery to remove fragments of fractured bone from the first joint of his thumb.
- Management and the client were notified of the incident and an investigation into the incident began.

Initial recommendations/Lessons

- Ensure that hands and fingers are not placed in the "Line of Fire" - in a position where they can become trapped or crushed. Spending an extra 30 seconds and following the correct procedure will ensure that we maintain a safe place of work.
- PPE, even when worn correctly is still the last line of defence.



This is an initial alert only. A further Alert will be issued following the investigation findings.

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