



Accidental start up of torbo hose

WHAT HAPPENED?

While a trainee was repositioning himself during blasting, he reached across to move the lanyard hooks that were attached to the tower. While moving, the torbo hose unexpectedly turned on, causing the hose to wave around for approximately 4 seconds. The trainee managed to disengage the magnet from the turbo deadman switch to stop the gun.

There was no harm to any person and no damage to the asset and equipment



IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN

- All workers gathered for a debrief to discuss the incident
- Torbo hose was lowered to the ground for inspection – no fault was found with the deadman switch, although it was quickly identified that the deadman system was not being used correctly.

ROOT CAUSE

Trainee had not received sufficient training in securing the deadman cord around his wrist as per the manufacturer's instructions

LEARNINGS

- **Ensure supervisors are adequately training the trainees in the mandatory safety requirement and emphasizing the importance of always having the deadman cord attached around the wrist during blasting operations**