



Safety Advice 30-2014 (NZ) (May) *(Transmission)*

Safety Advice 30-2014 courtesy of Transpower contains advice about a water blast graze to the wrist while the employee was changing work position aloft in a tower. The report also relates a further related incident in which the same gun test-operated some time later with the safety catch on, released water/blasting medium pressure that had remained in the connecting hose.

Please see further detail and recommendations in the following Safety Alert.

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FIRST ALERT

Date 2/05/2014

Wash down blasting incident – Cake Group

EVENT

On Thursday 1 May 2014 late in the afternoon a Cake employee grazed his wrist (between the Kevlar glove and the undergarment) while washing down a tower in Rotorua. The injury occurred when moving a pole strap while still blasting. The injured person was immediately rushed to the closest hospital for full assessment. Fortunately by 7pm he was released from hospital with a graze and no penetration.

An investigation has commenced today and it was established in this investigation that after the initial incident, pressure was left in the gun due to leaving the site quickly (to attend to the Injured Person). When the trigger was tested today it inadvertently operated with the safety catch on releasing a blast. Further investigation is required to establish whether there is a fault with the gun or that the pressure left on for a long period of time has affected the operation of the gun.

NOTE: Please ensure that pressure is released after use of all blasting equipment and treat all connected equipment as potentially pressurised until pressure has been released and the equipment disconnected.

- All water blasting activities halted until further notice (CAKE).
- Always ensure blasting stops before repositioning.
- Ensure pressure is always released from blasting equipment after use.
- Key learnings to be circulated once more details have been analysed.



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