Hand Injuries

WHAT HAPPENED

A British Precast member has noted an increase in the number of injuries to employee's hands and fingers. These injuries range from bumps, bruises, cuts and grazes to crushed fingers and open fractures.





LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

When planning work:

• Consider whether manual "hands on" tasks can be eliminated, reduced or better controlled minimising physical contact and repetitive handling.

• Where this is unavoidable, ensure that task risk assessments identify the risk to an employee's hands or fingers.

• Ensure all employees have seen and understood risk assessments and follow safe working practice.

• Assess what is suitable and sufficient personal protective equipment and ensure that provisions are available and accessible to those that need them at all times.

When carrying out work:

• Consider how your hands or fingers may be injured during all work based activities.

• Wherever possible avoid placing your hands and or fingers in vulnerable positions.

• Consider whether wearing jewellery (rings) is appropriate or whether it increases the potential severity of an injury.

• When your hands or fingers are at risk always ensure that suitable gloves are worn whenever possible.

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