

HAZARD ALERT

RISK MANAGEMENT SECTION



Department of
Environment and Conservation

Date: 16th December 2009

Alert No: 6

Source:

Internal

External

Author: RMS

Identified Hazard: Post Rammer

Risk Rating:

Low

Moderate

High

Significant

Nature of Incident:

Injury

Property Damage

Near-hit

Other:

Description of Incident:

Using post rammer to drive steel picket into ground; caught finger between rammer and picket amputating tip of finger.

Incident Time and Date:

Monday 23/11/2009

Equipment Involved:

Short steel picket rammer

Background Information:

The worker was vigorously ramming the steel picket when the rammer lifted from the top of the peg coming down missing the picket and consequently catching tip of finger between the rammer and picket.

Recommendations:

- Increase the length of the small rammer so that the worker cannot lift the rammer past the steel picket. (Supply Services Section is currently increasing the length of the post rammers and will be contacting Districts shortly to implement these and swap with the current small rammers) These will be taken out of service.
- Advise ALL workers that when using the larger heavier rammer, to consider Manual Handling techniques.
- Brief all employees on this incident and discuss the recommendations to make the task safer. Modify JSA's accordingly

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