

HAZARD ALERT

RISK MANAGEMENT SECTION



Department of
Environment and Conservation

Date: 26/02/2010

Alert No:9

Source:

Internal

External

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Identified Hazard: Workshop Equipment

Risk Rating:

Low

Moderate

High

Significant

Nature of Incident:

Injury Property Damage

Near-hit

Other:

Description of Incident:

A timber thicknesser had a bolt vibrate loose and enter the spinning blades. On impact with the blades the bolt was ejected at a high velocity across the room but didn't strike anyone.

Incident Time and Date:

February 2010

Equipment Involved:

Workshop equipment: Thicknesser

Recommendations:

- Immediate inspection of all workshop machinery and equipment.
- Document workshop Inspection.
- Machines to be serviced/repared
- Check training records; have employees been trained to use machinery and equipment?
- Check records in regards to Risk Assessment of machines (what are the Hazards for each machine)
- Documented work procedure for each machine. pre start checks/ re-familiarization with machines – safety checks, operating procedures and maintenance. checklists for operating/maintenance developed and attached to each machine.
- All machines are properly guarded.
- All machines have emergency off switches.
- There is a system in place "lock out-tag out when doing maintenance on the machine (The machine cannot be started when employees are doing maintenance)

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