

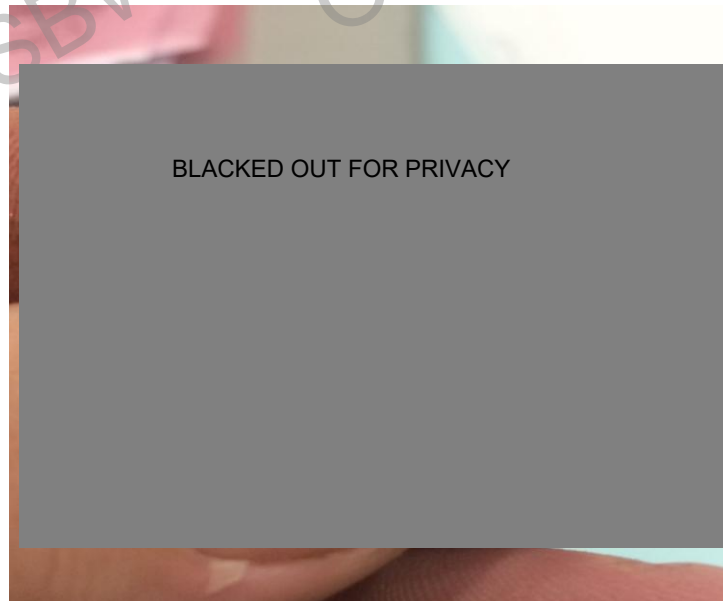


Information Notice #1

This notice has been distributed to all projects to explain how non-conformances, accidents, incidents or near hits have occurred in the areas of Quality Assurance , Work Health and Safety and Environment with recommendations made on how these can be avoided in the future. By sharing this knowledge we will be able to identify similar potential hazards across all sites and take appropriate action to minimise these risks.

Health and Safety Incident

A worker was cutting tape from a pipe installed under a soffit when the knife slipped resulting in a laceration to his left hand index finger. The worker wanted to apply a bandaid and continue working. He was taken to the doctor for assessment who gave him five stitches and a Tetanus shot. He was wearing fingerless gloves while conducting the work activity.



Lessons Learned

Always seek a medical opinion for lacerations to the fingers. Even the smallest cuts can become infected if they are not cleaned and treated properly.

Wearing a full fingered cut resistant glove on the hand not holding the knife would have prevented this cut from penetrating the skin so deeply.

Preventative Actions

A work instruction has been developed for using Stanley Knives and is available for use on site as part of the training schedule.

While it is not always practical to wear full fingered gloves for some detailed work tasks; a cut resistant full fingered glove should be worn when handling knives and sharp bladed cutting tools.

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