

NZ Safety Alert

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Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

Worker injured on screen mesh

A worker was walking past screen mesh that was stacked up against the hut wall when he caught his leg on a sharp edge of a screen causing a 5cm cut.

The wound required attention at the local medical centre where it was cleaned and glued.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 15% of incidents (945 incidents) result in occupational injury.

You need to ensure that:

1. Screen mesh and other materials are securely stored so they don't result in a hazard to worker safety.
2. All access ways are kept clear of obstructions to eliminate hazards associated with trips, falls and abrasions.
3. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to ensure all plant and equipment is securely stored to avoid hazards associated with trips, falls and abrasions.

Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.