

Safety Alert

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

Finger pinched during maintenance

Workers were changing wear plates in a jaw crusher. As they were lowering a jaw plate into the crusher with a digger and chains, a worker pinched his finger when it got between the new plate and the housing on the crusher.

Correct PPE was being worn and there was no serious damage to the workers hand or fingers.

Occupational injuries such as this are becoming increasingly common.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 6 years show 16% of incidents (1,013 incidents) result in avoidable occupational injuries.

You need to ensure that:

1. Crush hazards are discussed, and controls put in place prior to commencement of any task where workers are at risk of getting themselves caught between heavy plant and equipment during maintenance.
2. Workers are made aware of the dangers of getting limbs caught between plant and equipment during maintenance.
3. Chocks or spacers are used to protect against sudden movement of plant during maintenance.

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