

Safety Alert

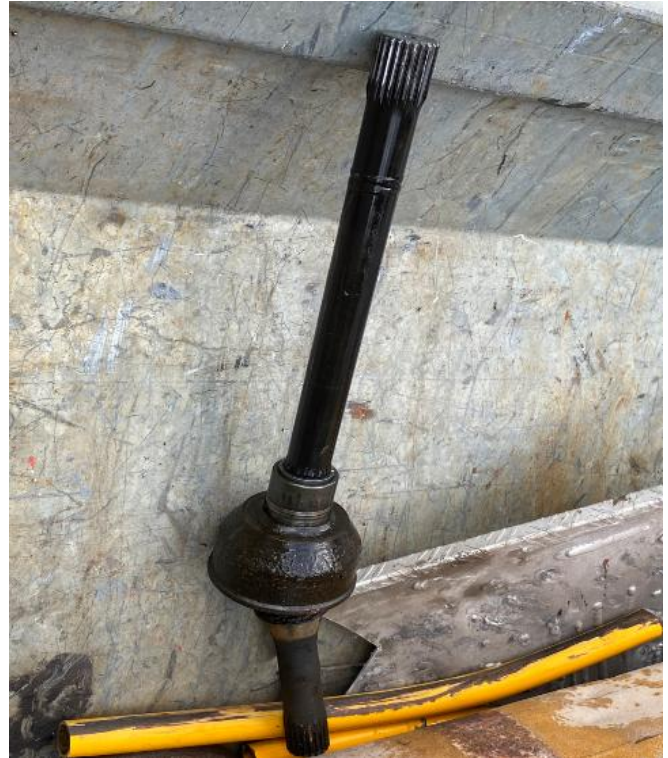
Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

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Worker damages finger on metal bin

A mechanic sustained an injury to his middle finger when putting a worn axle into the metal recycling bin.

The method used by the mechanic to hold and dispose of the shaft meant he failed to identify the risk of injury when the shaft weight pulled his hand forward during the motion and caused his hand to connect with the edge of the recycling bin.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years show 15% of incidents (1,110 incidents) involved falls of which 403 involved fall of equipment.

You need to ensure that:

1. All workers are aware of the importance of conducting a simple risk assessment before conducting any task to identify hazards and appropriately control them.
2. Appropriate PPE is available and used at all times.
3. Regular Workplace Inspections are conducted to identify unsafe practices and non-use of PPE.

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