

NZ Safety Alert

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

Finger crush injury

Two workers were replacing screen mesh on a mobile screen. While installing the 15mm wire panels, one of the workers got his two middle fingers caught between the wires and cross member bar, causing a minor crush injury to the fingertips.

The operator received first aid and was taken to A&E for treatment. An X-ray showed no signs of broken bones.

Occupational injuries have increased steadily over recent years with crush injuries, cuts and abrasions being most common.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 4 years to Dec 2021 shows 16% (638) of all incidents resulted in occupational injuries.

You need to ensure that:

1. Fit-for-purpose personal protective equipment (PPE) is available for every task, including gloves suitable for the task.
2. All workers, including contractors, wear PPE as required and are trained in its use.
3. All nip point hazards are identified in risk assessments and effectively managed.

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