

STOPThink! Trapped finger Injury



Injured person's hand protected before transportation to hospital



Materials being stacked at time of injury

What happened?

On the Octavius Chelmsford NE Bypass project, an operative was stacking Alform beams after they have been dismantled. One of the beams slipped as it was being placed and trapped the injured person's little finger between the beam and the rest of the stack.

Impacts

- The IP was taken to hospital following initial first aid.
- The impact with the beam has damaged the tip of the IP's little finger and he is due to have surgery in the coming days.

Immediate action

- All work using this equipment on the project has been stopped pending the investigation.

Octavius staff and our suppliers must confirm that they:

- Review manual handling tasks and their risk assessment. Do they need to be carried out by more than one person, can they be done using mechanical lifting devices.
- How are potential pinch points highlighted to remind personnel of the risk.
- Whilst PPE is the last line of defence, are the most suitable gloves being utilised?
- Could gloves which reduce the likelihood of injury due to entrapment or pinching be utilised?

