



# SAFETY ALERT

<b>INCIDENT</b>	Finger Crush
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Failure to Lock Out plant
<b>INCIDENT DATE</b>	20-07-2020
<b>BUSINESS UNIT</b>	Peka Peka to Otaki

## Incident Description:

On Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of July a site supervisor for a contracting company has completed a briefing of the grader driver for the day. Once he has stepped off the grader he has moved back as the vehicle was about to move he has noticed a wire hanging below the machine.

The supervisor has requested the driver to stop the machine so he could go and check the matter out. The driver was told to put the machine in neutral, the engine was still running.

The supervisor has then accessed the turntable area of the machine and attempted to view the wire. He has been unable to see the wire clearly and asked the grader driver to raise the turntable.

As the turntable has been raised he has placed his hand as seen in the photo to support himself. At the time he has been looking under the turntable.

The turntable has been raised to the point where it has hit the stop on the grader frame, this was the place where his fingertips were.

This has resulted in damage to the tips of his fingers as seen in the X ray image.



## Immediate Action Taken:

- All work stopped in the vicinity.
- Supervisor taken for medical treatment.
- Grader driver left site for remainder of the day.

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## Why did this happen:

- Inattention to potential consequences of his actions.
- Task focused.
- Risks of task not fully considered prior to carrying out task.

## Corrective Actions:

- Ensure machines are locked out prior to work being carried out.
- Review of all risks prior to change of task, use of Take 5 cards when any change occurs.
- Qualified staff only to carry out tasks requiring energised machinery.

Matter is still under investigation and actions may increase subject to findings.

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