

MTC – Finger Injury - 29th January 2019

Brief description of Event:

An employee was tasked to open the redundant heavy steel sliding door on the North side entrance of the main workshop. He was struggling to open the door and a service provider employee who was passing by assisted him. In the process of opening the sliding door, the service provider employee got his left hand middle finger pinched between the sliding door handle and an angle iron locking bracket (refer to picture). He was wearing cut level 3 precision gloves. The injured person was treated at the SAPREF clinic for contusion on his injured finger and antibiotics was used to prevent infection of the wound. He returned to work.

Outcome:

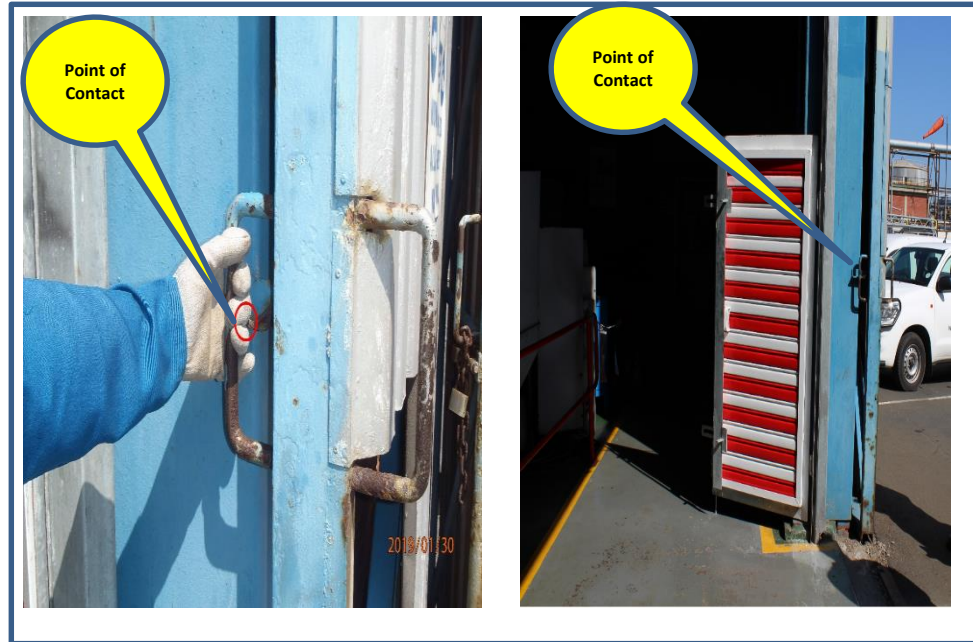
Medical Treatment Case (MTC). The injured person is expected to make a full recovery.

Summary of main findings:

- 1) A new roller door was installed on the inside of the heavy steel sliding door. This made the sliding door redundant, but there was a delay in removing it.
- 2) The sliding door stopper had rusted off and did not stop the sliding door before the door handle came up against the angle iron bracket.
- 3) The redundant sliding door was sticking, making it difficult to slide open.
- 4) The injured person had placed his hand in the “line of fire” as he rushed to help without thinking about the hazards of the activity.

What Went Well

- 1) Prompt first aid treatment was rendered to the injured person.



Immediate actions taken:

- 1) Injured person was taken to the clinic where first aid treatment was rendered.
- 2) Safety stand down held with the people involved in the activity.

Corrective & Preventative actions taken:

- 1) Remove the redundant sliding doors.
- 2) Toolbox talk prepared on situational awareness (“Line of Fire” hazards and pinch points)
- 3) HSSE stop prepared on doing Last Minute Risk Assessment (LMRA) before carrying out any activity.