

Title: Finger Pinch

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Business: Network – Storage

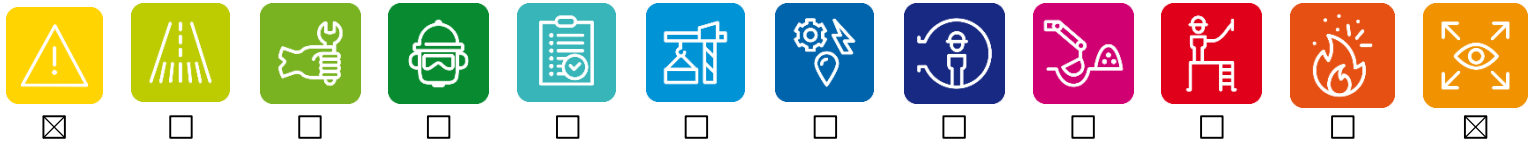
Country: South Africa

Site:

Domains : ☒ Workplace safety ☐ Technological risk ☐ Transport ☐ Health ☐ Environment ☐ Security ☐ Societal

Causes key words: Inattention and a lack of awareness, Line of Fire

Consequences key words: Finger Injury and Loss of Production



Incident description:

On the 5th of July 2022, a cleaner arrived for duty at approximately 05h00. Before reporting for duty (work time starts at 06:00), during her leisure time, she was walking in the office area. As she exited the office, upon closing the door, she subconsciously placed her other hand on the door hinge area. This resulted in her index finger being pinched by the door as it closed, causing a laceration and fracture to the tip of her finger.

She applied pressure on the wound and covered it to contain the bleeding and immediately contacted her supervisor who took her to the doctor. The medical examination revealed that the tip of her finger was fractured. The wound was dressed, and she was given medication. There were no stitches. Given that she works with her hands to execute her duties, she was booked off for 3 days.

Upon returning, she was sent for a further assessment on 12 July 2022 and the report confirmed that she has a closed diagonal laceration on the left index finger, of about 1.3cm but without displacement. The report further confirmed that she can perform her normal duties without impediment.

Office Door



Position of incident



Consequences:

Physical: Left Index Finger

Material or production-related: Loss of Production (LTI)

Environmental: None

Media-related: None



HSE Return on experience

TotalEnergies

Analysis:

There was no unsafe condition that caused the incident. This could be seen as a routine action when maneuvering from one office to another. Vigilance should always be practiced by all personnel on site and unsafe behaviors should be eliminated.

Immediate causes:

At Risk Behavior:

Deviation by individual: All individuals involved in the maneuvering from one office to another must be vigilant and aware of his/her surrounding.

Improper position of hand: Hand placement was not correct when closing the door.

Inattention / Lack of Awareness: Improper decision making when closing the office door by placing her hand in an unsafe area. This was attributed to the lack of awareness and inattention of personnel.

Root causes:

Human Factor

Inadequate Mental State -Poor judgement. The essence of using good judgment in working safely is constantly required. Personnel should be alert when maneuvering around the office block.

Corrective actions:

Injured contractor employee was booked off until deemed fit for duty.

Toolbox talk and an awareness training completed to sensitize all the personnel on site

Standards or good practices:

Attention and awareness of surrounding in the workplace

Induction to reiterate the site safety rules

Recommendations:

Perform a stand down to reiterate the risk relating to pinch points and line of fire

