

NTPC Health & Safety Alert

Be Aware of Pinch Points



Background

A recent injury involved a worker's thumb getting caught between the wire reel and the wire. First aid was given on site. The worker then received stitches to the thumb at the local health centre.

Practical Guidance

It is important when performing our initial onsite hazard assessment to identify pinch point hazards on the tailboard form. The tailboard shall be visited again whenever the scope of work changes.

Possible pinch point hazards:

- When rollers, reels, wheels, belts, or conveyors are used at a job site
- Wherever a crush hazard is present
- Whenever machinery is used that has the pinch point label on it
- Where loads are being lifted or moved
- Where doors on cabinets are opened/closed

Hazard controls:

- Wear gloves
- Ensure machine guarding is in place and in use
- Follow the Safe Job Procedure written for the job
- Follow all warning signs attached to equipment (for example: "Keep hands out of this area")



For more info contact the Health and Safety Department.