

Type of Incident

*Finger Injury*

Summary:

An employee was using a euro pallet when it was decided that additional straps were needed before it could be used. Whilst nailing additional straps, the employee struck his finger with a hammer resulting in him requiring hospital treatment.



Root Causes:

- An appropriate pallet was not available for use for the task
- PPE which was being worn was not sufficient to protect the employees hand / fingers from a hammer strike
- Lack of awareness

Actions Taken Thus Far: Next Steps

- Review risk assessment
- Assign packaging tasks to shipping department (who are trained)
- Ensure adequate numbers of suitable pallets are available for use in packaging department
- Ensure all damaged / defective pallets are being effectively managed
- Tool box talk to all employees to communicate site expectations with damaged / *defective pallets*