

Type of Incident

Groin Injury

Summary:

An employee was working in an air heater and had accidentally stepped an air hoist activation switch whilst stepping over the chain which it was connected to. As the air hoist activated, the chain tightened injuring the employees groin.

No Pictures

Root Causes:

- Air hoist was not isolated as it was not being used at the time of the event
- Inadequate procedure and training for this type of activity
- Activation switch was not suitably shrouded or protected from accidental activation

Actions Taken Thus Far: Next Steps

- Risk assessment and procedure to be reviewed with the necessary controls implemented.
- Review specific isolation procedure and revise as necessary
- Retrain all necessary employees involved in this type of work in the new procedure.
- Shroud the air hoist activation switch to protect against accidental activation.