

## Safety Alert: Personal Injury

An incident occurred on 08 August 2017 on one of our Field Service sites where a Technician received a cut to the arm whilst carrying out immediate action activities on a vertical Sabre Blast unit.

At the time of the incident one of the coating team members (IP) noticed one of the hoses starting to slack and fill with grit.

The IP moved towards the blasting unit in order to adjust the position of the equipment hose. IP placed himself between the moving blasting unit and other equipment in order to reach the hoses. While being slightly bent over and positioned in a narrow area very close to the moving blasting unit his right arm got caught by the Mechanical Stoppers and resulted in a laceration requiring medical attention.



Fig 1

IP was trying to adjust the position of the recovery hose while Sabre unit was still in operation.



Fig 2

While being slightly bent over and positioned in narrow area very close to the moving blasting unit his right arm got caught by the Mechanical Stoppers

### Actions required:

- All Field service personnel are to hold a tool box talk highlighting the risks of approaching automated equipment when it is in operation. All risk assessments regarding operation of automated equipment are to be reviewed and any areas for improvement identified and circulated to Burnley.
- Fortunately the injury was relatively minor, however, there was the potential for this to be a serious accident which could of resulted in a life changing injury.
- This Safety Alert shall be communicated to all project teams and displayed on all site notice boards. All TBT to be completed and returned to HSE Manager.

- ▶ WHAT CAN YOU DO TO CREATE A SAFER WORKPLACE?
- ▶ CAN YOU DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY?
- ▶ CAN YOU DO DIFFERENT THINGS?
- ▶ WILL YOU MAKE AND MEET COMMITMENTS TO SEEK OUT BEST PRACTICES AND PUT THEM TO USE?