



Urgent Safety Alert

Correct Use of Tools

The following alert is for the attention of all supervisors and workers.

On 12/06/17 one of our workers sustained a foot injury whilst working on a Client's site. The injured person was working as part of a gang who installing a double RRAP. The gang were instructed to lift some hardwood sleepers onto a trolley in order for them to be transported to the installation site.

The task required the use of timber nips which were not available on site and in this respect the gang decided to lift them by hand. The injured person was lifting a sleeper with another worker when it slipped and fell onto his foot causing a crushing injury which has resulted in severe soft tissue damage. Whilst the action of the gang was well intentioned lifting the sleepers by hand in breach of manual handling procedures.

Please note the following:

1. You should never proceed with a task without the correct equipment
2. If the correct equipment is not on site then report this to the Client's supervisor and the ISS Labour 24 hour on call
3. If the correct equipment is not made available then raise a close call and invoke the company Work Safe Procedure. You will always be fully supported for refusing to work if a task or situation is unsafe
4. Please ensure that you always listen to the COSS briefing and raise any concerns or queries that you may have in relation to the Task Brief.