

Finger Crushed Injury

INCIDENT:

A contractor employee engaged in maintenance of the lime kiln was removing the outer bricks to repair the internal liners of the lime kiln shell. Whilst in the process, he placed his finger in the line of fire and got jammed when a pile of bricks dislodged and fell onto his left-hand fingers, resulted in crushed injury to his left-hand ring finger.



Figure 1- Re-enactment of the injury.



Figure 2- Crushed finger.

INITIAL OBSERVATIONS:

The following are initial observations of the incident;

- Lack of proper hazard and risk assessment prior to commencement of work.
- Unsafe manual handling practice in the confine space.
- Lack of appropriate use of tools and equipment.
- Fatigue due to excessive manual handling work.
- Lack of proper PPEs.
- Poor contractor management and supervision.

NOTE: *This safety alert may be displayed at conspicuous places within the project area and the information widely disseminated amongst all concerned.*