

Hydro Tasmania

SAFETY OR ENVIRONMENT BRIEF

Incident notification

Brief Number (YYMMDD)	251016	Date Issued	16 October 2025
SAP Number (if applicable)	N/A (Principal Contractor controlled workplace)	Approved By	Head of WHS
Action Required?	Yes		

Summary

On 15 October a Principal Contractor was removing a guide blade from a shear jaw on a demolition site. A hammer was used to hit the edge of the guide blade during this task. This impact caused a metal shard from the blade to dislodge and become a projectile. This metal shard struck a worker and caused an injury to their hip area resulting in bleeding that required hospital treatment.



Message

This incident is being investigated by the Principal Contractor, and we will share their findings in due course.

What should you and your teams consider from this incident notification?

- Your task risk assessments should consider:
 - Hazards unique to the tools and equipment being used
 - Condition of tools and equipment being used
 - Specific methods and techniques applied which may include using force or energy
 - The potential for fragments to release due to the use of force (exclusion zones/PPE?)

This message applies to all field personnel, including contractors. Let's keep safe by doing the job right and identifying potential hazards and considering the risks before we start.