

Subject: Hammer injury to hand during bolt removal task.

Date: 10/03/2014

Incident location: Peterborough Power Station

Incident date: 06/03/2014

Incident Details

During work to remove a holding down bolt from the bypass stack on GT 2, one of the operatives suffered a hammer impact on the ring finger of his left hand (next to little finger). This caused a cut/split on the finger from the nail to first knuckle and a chipped bone.

The bolt was being removed for condition analysis. A flogging spanner and hammer was used to loosen the bolt and during this procedure a timing and communication error led to the IP's finger being struck with the hammer as he attempted to reposition the spanner.

The IP was treated by his company's First Aider and taken to Peterborough Hospital for medical treatment. He then moved to Nottingham Queens Medical Centre for surgery under a local anaesthetic.

Attachments/Photographs



Flogging spanner used for task.



Bolts being removed

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Learning & Recommendations

- Full investigation to be undertaken into the cause of the injury.
- Ensure that learning from the investigation is used in the review of the work risk assessment and method statement
- Share learning with contract partners to avoid a repeat of the accident.

SITE REVIEW EXPECTATION	Required ✓ ✗
Action: Significant / HiPo event - actions are listed on myHSE system	✗
Action: Consider "Learning and Recommendations" – if applicable at site, implement via local CATS system	✗
Action: Communicate safety alert/flash via cascade to relevant personnel or via HSE forum	✓
Action: For information / local consideration and awareness raising via site notice boards	✓
SITE REVIEW OUTCOME	
No action required:	
Action required: see myHSE; EV 167154	

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