

ALIGN JV HAND SAFETY AWARENESS

1 HAND PROTECTION AWARENESS

The hands and fingers are the most often injured parts of the body. There are few work activities which do not involve the hands. The potential for injury is always there and we as ALIGN must be constantly aware to avoid hazards and injury. The primary way to avoid injury is to ensure that hands are kept out of the “danger zone” or “pinch point” while a work task is performed. A pinch point is any area where the body can become trapped or smashed between two objects or machines.



3 PINCH POINTS

Examples of Pinch Points:

- Between suspended loads and other objects
- Stacking boxes
- Moving pipe or other steel
- Sprockets
- Doors/ tailgates/ crate covers
- Gears, rotating machinery
- Anywhere in the path of an object carrying potential energy



2 HAND HAZARDS

Hazards include:

- Pinch points
- Forcefulness
- Awkward body posture
- Repetitive work
- Tools/guards
- Weather conditions
- Materials or chemicals
- Human error
- Hand/arm vibration
- Musculoskeletal disorders
- Exposure



4 PREVENTION

Prevent Pinch Point Injuries:

- 360 circle check to ensure both you and your hands are away from pinch points
- Wear gloves appropriate for the task
- Ensure that you have sufficient clearance when setting down loads or carrying loads through doors
- Always allow enough room to work safely
- Use the correct tool for the task



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MONDAY

Hand Safety Awareness briefing at all locations at start of shift briefings.

TUESDAY

Hazard assessment form completed on site by the ALIGN Black Hats with their teams.

WEDNESDAY

Management & Engineers on site observation with Black Hats and a review of the completed Hazard assessment form.



THURSDAY

Toolbox talk on the 'Limitations of Hand Protection' - All Locations

FRIDAY

Engineers review relevant risk assessments considering the data collected over the week.



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