

Safety Alert

RIDDOR Reportable Accident SEVERE LACERATION TO FOOT

What Happened?

An MUS operative was operating a road saw to cut through the surface layer of tarmac in a foot way when his safety boot came into contact with the rotating blade of the saw.

Consequently, the rotating blade cut through the operative's foot, causing a severe laceration to his foot. Immediate first aid was administered at the scene by his work colleague, and the injured operative was taken to hospital via ambulance.



Figure 01 - Damage to Safety Boot



Figure 02 - Severe Laceration to foot of Operative

What action **MUST** we take?

Although this incident is still under investigation – the following **MUST** be adhered to at all times:

- You **MUST** select the correct work equipment for the work you are intending to undertake.
- You **MUST** have received sufficient training on the work equipment you are using.
- You **MUST** be authorised to use the work equipment.
- You **MUST** inspect work equipment prior to use.
- Your **MUST** ensure your work equipment is maintained.
- You **MUST** be in possession of the work equipment operating instructions.
- All work equipment controls **MUST** be Clearly Labelled.
- All guards **MUST** be in place and in good working order.
- You **MUST** Report all defects.

Remember

NOTHING WE DO IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE CANNOT TAKE THE TIME TO DO IT SAFELY.