

Safety Alert



Partial Finger Amputation

On Tuesday the 17th we had an accident where an Inframax employee partially amputated his index finger while operating a peg rammer to bang in culvert marker pegs.

He was installing a peg close to an electric farm fence and was mindful of avoiding this, which contributed to the positioning of the rammer and his hands.

Because the open side of the peg rammer was facing away from him, he didn't notice his finger had slipped around the back and into the gap between the marker peg and the top of the rammer.

He was wearing leather rigging gloves but with the force and his finger being jammed, the end of his finger was still amputated.



Actions Required:

Ensure that:

- ✓ You only use peg rammers that have a guard fitted to them with no open face
- ✓ You keep your hands and fingers wrapped around the handle
- ✓ You allow enough room beside fences to ram in pegs without compromising your grip on the rammer
- ✓ You assess the job for risk and implement controls before you start
- ✓ Watch the placement of your hands and do not rush

Please read, print out this alert then discuss it with your staff at your toolbox meeting.

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