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Toolbox Talk No: 280			
Issue:	Manual Handling – Crushing Injuries		
Location:	On-Site at Pre-Work Briefing, MRG Portal	Date:	
Briefed by:	On site by MRG Supervisors, MRG Portal	Time:	
Points Raised and Comments			
Incident: A worker's left thumb was jammed against formwork while reversing bolts using a rattle gun. Why the Injury Happened: The employee places his hand in a position (behind the drill) that resulted in the thumb being crushed and failed to identify the potential of his hand / thumb being squashed between formwork. What is a Crushing Injury: A crushing injury occurs when body parts (hands, fingers, feet, etc.) are caught between two objects, struck by moving equipment, or trapped under heavy loads. Hazards / Causes: • Pinch points between moving parts. • Handling heavy loads without mechanical assistance. • Working close to operating machinery. • Unsafe stacking or unstable loads. Prevention / Controls: • Stop, think, and assess the work task to identify if any crushing injuries can occur. • Keep hands, feet, and body clear of pinch and crush points. • Always use mechanical lifting aids or team lifting when loads are heavy. • Never place hands between loads, under suspended or unstable objects. • Wear correct PPE (steel-cap boots, gloves where required). • Stay alert around mobile plant, forklifts, and vehicles. • Use drill bit extensions to ensure you stay clear of any potential crushing injuries. Emergency Procedures • Report all crushing incidents or drill-related injuries immediately. • Apply first aid if trained, and contact emergency services if required. • Do not attempt to remove someone pinned by a heavy object without ensuring it is safe to do so. Key Takeaways • Stop, Think, Assess the work task at hand before you start it. • Closely follow the SWMS and other safe work documents to ensure you are completing a task safely. • Use drills only as intended, with the correct PPE and safety checks. • Stay alert, work safely, and look out for your mates.			

Hand Injury Prevention Success

SAFEHANDS

	Where am I about to place my hands?
	Are there sharp edges or crush, pinch, or chemical hazards?
	Can I use tools, blocking, or guarding to eliminate hazards?
	Do I have the appropriate type of gloves to protect me from the identified hazard?

LIFT PROPERLY Prevent Back Injuries

DON'T!

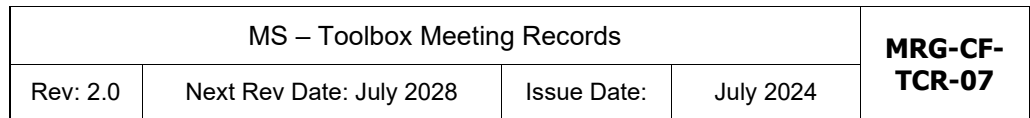
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