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Safety Alert

Stihl Saw Blade

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INCIDENT FLASH REPORT

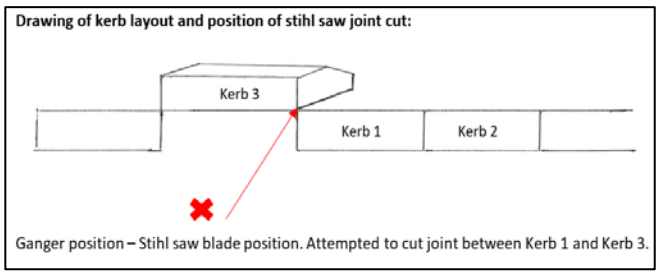
Title of the Incident	**Contact with Moving Equipment (Stihl Saw Blade) – Laceration to Nose.**		
Incident Report N°	INC09838	**Date and Time of Incident**	19-05-2021 @ 15:30hrs
Location of Incident	A429 Kenilworth Road – Road Crossing	**Type of Investigation**	Injured person
Chainage	CH 142+500	**Trade/Company Involved**	BBV/BB
Section of Works	SL2B1	**Potential Severity**	Major/HiPos
Reported By	Robert Adam	**Risk/Hazard Category**	Contact with moving tools, machinery or equipment

Outline of the Incident

The BBV HS2 project located within Sub-Lot 2B is currently undertaking a new drainage crossing on the A429 Kenilworth Road for a temporary pond outfall. A BBV Ganger (Injured Person) working on the A429 crossing was in the process of reinstating 3 concrete splayed kerbs.

Using a stihl saw, the Ganger cut the joint of a kerb to allow it to fall into position. The first cut through the joint was successful but the kerb was still considered too tight. The Ganger decided to complete a second cut which caused the kerb to drop resulting in the stihl saw blade jamming. Consequently, the stihl saw travelled upwards coming into contact with the Gangers nose, which left a cut to the nose. First Aid was administered on site before he was then taken to A&E by a member of the Site Team for treatment – he returned to work the following day. Site Management stopped all works pending a full investigation. Investigation continues.

Relevant Photo(s)



Initial Lessons Learned

- Site Team to carry out methodology, skills and PPE assement on all Operators.
- RAMS to checked in relation to the activity and use of cut-off saws
- Behavioural Safety – rushing the job.

Immediate Actions Taken

- Works Stopped immediately
- IP was immediately taken to Warwick A&E for treatment
- Senior Management Notified
- A local Incident Investigation Team was coordinated to conduct a full investigation.

HS2 Incident Level	Level 2
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Report Completed By:	Rob Adam / Graham Ward