

SERIOUS EVENT REVIEW

Event date: June 2016

Failure to Identify Hazard

A worker was straightening concrete forms, using a method that involves tensioning a string line parallel to the form. The string line is secured by a nail at each end of the form. As the string line was being tensioned, one of the nails dislodged striking the worker in the arm and piercing the skin. The worker went to the hospital where they removed the nail and prescribed antibiotics. He returned to full duties the following day.



Immediate Cause:

Inattention to accuracy of work practice

Nail was inserted into a knot in the wood, resulting in it not being anchored securely into board.

Contributing Factors:

Risk of hazard not understood by the worker.

Corrective and Preventative Actions:

Have tool box meetings to ensure workers are aware of the risk of the hazard. Ensure workers are completing risk assessments properly.

