



## **Lifting Incidents & Engagement of Loads**

On Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of May we had an incident on the project where a trade slinger signaller sustained a serious crush injury to his index finger while placing timbers under a bundle of rebar.





This incident is being investigated.

Since last year we have a series of incidents that can be described as engagement of loads incidents.

A Red Safety alert was issued. A lifting campaign was launched.

AP's, Lifting Teams and Colleagues please be reminded to follow the important points below when carrying out lifting operations:

- Do not place any part of your body under a suspended load or in a pinch point.
- Do not walk or stand under a suspended load and stand clear of a load being lifted or landed.
- Ensure the load does not have any protruding items that can snag.
- Ensure (where appropriate) tag lines are attached, tagline retrievers and push pull sticks used.
- Ensure tag lines are clear and cannot become caught.
- Signallers to use clear signals in line with radio procedures.
- Ensure each lift is supervised.
- Lift Supervisors and slinger signallers must ensure their teams and colleagues are clear before loads are lifted.
- Crane operators must ensure loads are only raised at the appropriate speeds until it is safe to increase hoist speeds.
- Test lifts must always be done.

AP's, Supervisors, please brief your teams on these very important points.