

Aug 31, 2015

## MECHANICS FACE WAS STRUCK WITH CABLE SLING

**WHAT HAPPENED?** On 31 Aug 2015, a contract mechanic was using the shop bay crane to position a drive chain in the drive case. When he used the crane control to move the chain the free end of the cable sling hooked the edge of the drive case. The cable end shot out and contacted his helmet, his forehead and eye brow causing a laceration.



*Location where mechanic was struck in the face*

**BE AWARE OF LINE OF FIRE AND ENSURE YOU ARE USING THE CORRECT TOOL FOR THE JOB.**

**CIRCUMSTANCES** A Contract Mechanic was using the shop 20 Tonne crane to position a drive chain in the grader housing. One end of the double cable bridle was attached to a 1 inch nylon sling, which was attached to the drive chain. Once the crane control activated the second leg of the two leg bridal (Hook) caught the edge of the drive casing and shot out contacting the mechanics helmet. The edge of the helmet was broken off from the contact. It is undetermined if the broken edge of the helmet or the hook made contact with his left forehead and eyebrow casing an approx... 1 inch laceration to the worker.

### IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- Emergency response plan was activated and first aid administered by mine rescue team/site paramedic
- Contractor was transported to hospital for medical treatment.
- Joint Investigation started with Contract Company.

*A Lessons Learned will be sent out once the investigation is complete.*

Fuel type: Mining  
Plant/Location: SunHills  
Classification: Medical Aid  
Incident # SHM-1508-8