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Network Rail Safety Bulletin

Post Driver Plant and Attachments

For the attention of all owners, operators and maintainers of Post Driving Plant and attachments

Background:

An incident occurred on the 21st April 2014 at the Forres 3 worksite in Scotland whilst operating a Bryce Suma PROF1 Post Driver.

Whilst installing a line of fencing posts the Injured Person tripped on vegetation, instinctively putting his hand out to stabilize himself on the adjacent post. In doing this he inadvertently placed his other hand on the control levers which activated the hammer, crushing his hand between the strike plate and the post.

The injured person sustained significant and permanent damage to his hand.



Bryce Suma PROF1 Post Knocker

Immediate action required by all persons affected:

- **Immediate prohibition** on the use of the Bryce Suma PROF1 Post Driver and all other variants with inadequate control or hammer guarding. Written confirmation of compliance with this instruction to be submitted to chris.browne@networkrail.co.uk from all sub contractors forthwith.
- 100% check of 'Post Driver' variants to confirm they don't pose similar risks and are compliant with the **Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER)**. Record of visits to be maintained including photographs and plant record details.
- All equipment must be fitted with sufficient guarding or safety systems to limit accidental operation.
- All equipment must be fully maintained and inspected prior to use (giving particular attention to guarding, safety labels and validity of maintenance dates).
- All equipment must be CE marked .