


LESSONS LEARNED / BEST PRACTICE

Title:	2021/04 – Finger Injury with Concrete Chute
What Happened / Impact?	
<p>Injured person sustained a broken finger when impacted by a folding concrete chute.</p>	
Why it Happened?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operative A was performing the role of spotter while a concrete lorry was reversing. • Operative A pulled the lorry’s chute into position, the end of the folded chute. • Not realising Operative A had his hand on the end of the chute, his colleague (Operative B), flipped-over the extension piece of the chute, catching the finger of Operative A between the 2 folding sections. • This resulted in Operative A breaking his index finger. • Operative A was not using the handles on the chute and there was a lack of communication between Operatives A and B. 	
Immediate Learnings / Recommendations	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The concrete pump operator is responsible for operating equipment. 2. Operatives must follow the directions of the pump operator if assisting. 3. Operative must use the handles provided to manoeuvre the concrete chute. 	