



SAFETY ALERT



Minor Accident – Foxton 28th of December

- Trackman was removing a pandrol key with a keying hammer which was seized in the housing, the clip snapped upon impact resulting in the clip ricocheting approximately 15m along track and striking the left knee of a Crane Controller.
- The trackman was de-clipping a pandrol key on an old track section ahead of the re-railing sequence and failed to place his boot on the pandrol key to prevent the pandrol key from flying off and making contact with a member of the staff.
- The trackman was hitting the pandrol key both ways to aid in releasing the clip, when the clip snapped, he was hitting the clip into the housing which is why he did not have his foot over the clip. The trackman wasn't expecting for the key to snap whilst hitting it into the housing.



Project team recommended - when removing seized pandrol keys, ensure competent staff are undertaking the task and a sufficient exclusion zone is in place

Take 5

This can be as simple as pausing for five seconds to think about what you're about to do and ask yourself if you're aware of the risks, have the right control measures in place and make sure you're safe to proceed. Taking 5 really can be the difference between you and your colleagues getting home safe every day.

All concerned!

- Take 5 prior to work and assess the site for any uncontrolled hazards.
- Ensure there is an exclusion zone in place.
- Ensure all work parties are aware of the activity.
- Do not undertake works until it's safe to do so.

Managers / Supervisors:

- Ensure the person undertaking the task is competent.
- Ensure the pandrol clips have been sprayed up with lubricant.
- Ensure only the required staff is present within the exclusion zone.



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be Safe**