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Inserting & Extracting Fastclip Track Fasteners at Rail Joints

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Background:

Update to Amey Colas High Output HSEQ Alert 15-ConSI-A001 (09/02/2015)

Immediate action arising from the start of the investigation into the recent accident (On 06/02/15) in which an Amey Colas employee was struck in the left eye by a fragment of Fastclip track fastener housing.

The investigation is still ongoing but has identified that a P Way bar was being used to extract a Fastclip in the area of a transition joint.

This action puts inappropriate forces on the housing and can cause it to shatter.

The only safe method to extract Fastclips in such locations is by using the correct tool



Action to be taken and learning to be applied

A FASTCLIP Rear-arch Extractor (Pandrol part No.LP15177) must be used in such locations. Bars are not permitted. No Exceptions. Clear the area first if the tool is difficult to attach.

Only staff with competence to use such tools are authorised to use them.

Check your emergency arrangements. Confirm that the hospital has an accident & emergency department that is open when your work is taking place



Conclusion / Final note

The injured person is recovering in hospital



Always use the equipment that is fit for its intended purpose