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Background:

During weekend works an Amey Colas employee was struck in the face by a fragment of fastclip housing whilst trying to remove the track fastener in the vicinity of a transition joint.

He was taken to hospital and underwent surgery on one of his eyes.

Actions required:

Although the circumstances relating to this particular event are currently under investigation please ensure that all relevant staff are re briefed on the following simple but important risk controls:

- The correct method for extracting and inserting fastclips must be followed
- It is mandatory to wear eye protection when on worksites
- Use the correct tool for the task. Note the correct tool for removing clips at a transition joint is a (FASTCLIP Rear-arch extractor - Pandrol No. LP15177)

If for any reason the correct work equipment or PPE is not available, or the correct work method cannot be applied, do not start the task until the problem has been resolved.

Failure to follow the correct method of work is a breach of both Life Saving Rules and requirements of the Amey Colas Management System.



**Always use the equipment that
is fit for its intended purpose**