



## Incident Notice

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### **Incident: Lock Ring Pinches Finger**

#### **Description:**

A tyre serviceman was preparing a lock ring for fitment and took it to the fitting slab to be cleaned. In securing it, he realised that the ring had been inclined. The tyre serviceman then grabbed the lock ring near the overlapped joint, which when he let it go, closed suddenly trapping his right hand ring finger.

#### **Lesson & Corrective Action:**

The tyre serviceman was taken immediately to the site medical centre and later transferred to the local hospital where he was treated for a fracture to the first joint of his right ring finger. Local legislation does not permit any worker to return to work on a restricted work program, therefore the tyre serviceman was deemed totally unfit for work until he was certified as fully recovered from his injury.

Recommended actions from the investigation included:

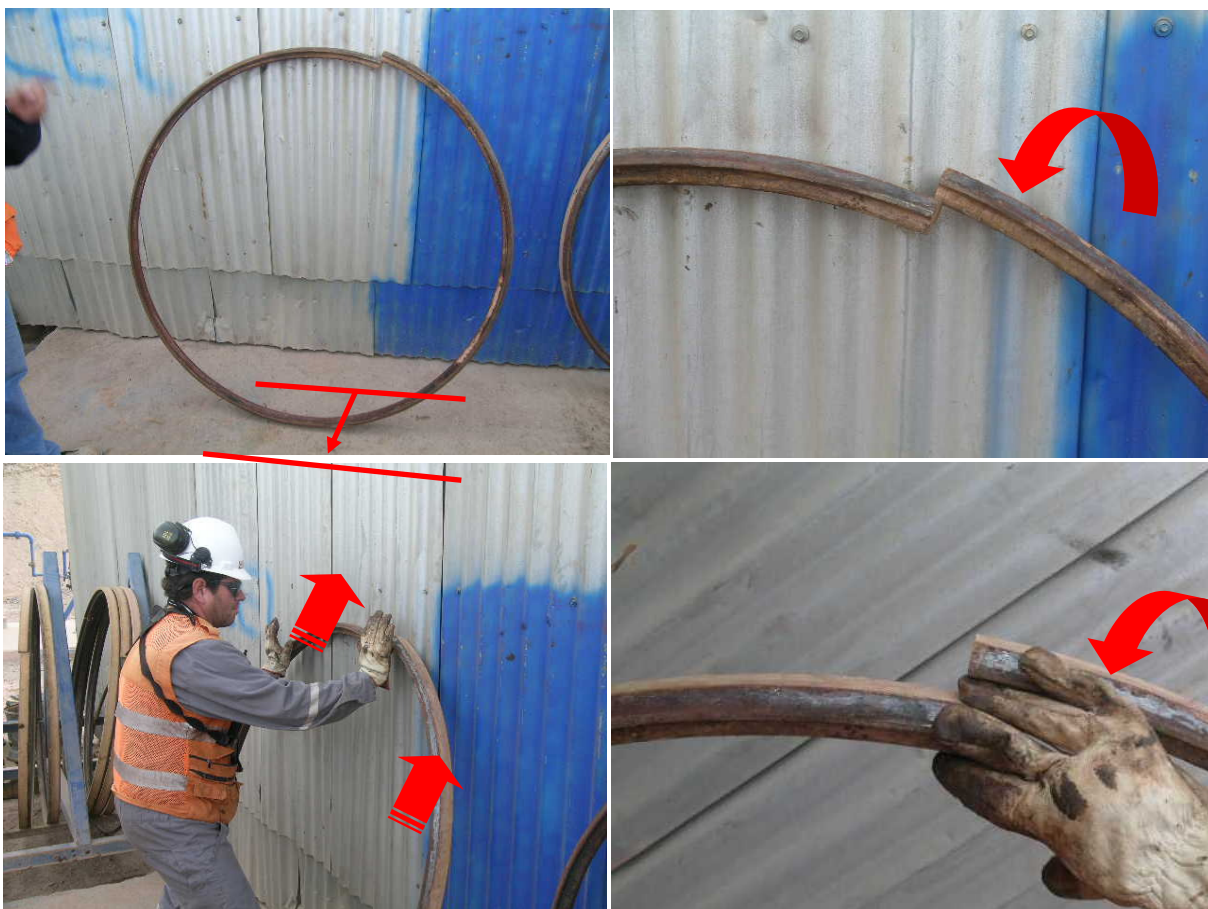
- Incident reflection meeting with the rest of the workforce and implement immediate actions including:
  - Lock rings must be moved using two people as a minimum.
  - The lock ring must be placed flat on the ground to clean and prepare for fitment.
- Implement a plan for strengthening the use of Take 5's and safety observations.
- Revise the risk matrix and identify all hazards associated with handling lock rings.
- Evaluate other alternative methods for the movement and cleaning of lock rings.

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