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Minibus Hand Injuries

Hands Caught in Sliding Doors

During February and March 2021, three colleagues suffered a hand injury when using the sliding door of a port minibus. Unfortunately, one of these incidents has resulted in a serious injury.

Recognising the unusual nature of these injuries and the fact that they have occurred at different locations, we are bringing these incidents to your attention.

The following actions are recommended:

1. Ensure that minibus doors are fully opened when accessing and egressing the vehicle. Be aware the door may move unexpectedly e.g. if the vehicle is parked on a slope.
2. When entering or exiting the minibus or van ensure all personnel are fully within the vehicle or out of the vehicle before closing the door.
3. Ensure the door is not damaged or defective. If a fault is identified (e.g. a door will not fully open) remove the vehicle from service and do not use the vehicle until the fault is rectified.
4. Always use the correct handle and method to open and close the door. Beware of potential entrapments points.

Please ensure this safety alert is briefed out to your teams across the business. Please also ensure that this bulletin is posted on all EHS noticeboards.

Work Safe. Home Safe.

