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Hand Protection Policy

Aid and Able Services has a mandatory “No Rings” policy for Personnel and Contractors during work hours.

Hand and finger injuries must be avoided at all times, this includes Aid and Able Services well-site operations, Aid and Able Services transport operations and Aid and Able Services maintenance operations.

DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!

While climbing down off a generator a drilling rig employee hung his wedding ring on a bolt and de-gloved his finger. This is a very painful injury and because of the traumatic nature of this type of injury, they were not able to save the finger. It had to be amputated at or near the palm of his hand.¹

This injury could have been easily avoided. The removal of rings will simply and easily eliminate the potential for this gruesome type of injury to occur in the future.

You are reminded:

Finger rings, necklaces, loose clothing, unsecured long hair and other loose accessories are not to be worn in the work area or within arm’s length of operating machinery or electrical switchgear.

It is mandatory that all employees wear appropriate gloves when entering a worksite. Gloves are a standard part of your PPE.

Obviously, there may be a few tasks that require such dexterity that cannot be accomplished while wearing gloves. In those activities the gloves may be removed. In a situation where wearing gloves creates a bigger hazard than not wearing them, they should be removed.

¹ Note - there is NO reference to Aid and Able Services with respect to this incident, we are just passing it on as a part of Safety Alert Protocol.