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**Safety Alert**

**Serious Mixer Injury**

**Description of incident**

An external incident occurred when

A contractor delivering slurry

Sealing works **severed and lost**

**Two fingers** whilst operating a

Pedmixer slurry seal machine.

**Why did this happen?**

* For reasons not yet understood,

the individual’s fingers entered

the Pedmixer whilst the machine

was in operation. One possible reason for this is an allegation that the individual was attempting to clear the area around the exit point of the slurry seal machine when his hand inadvertently slipped, however at this time this statement has not been confirmed.

* As a result the individual sustained serious injury to his left hand which resulted in the loss of the two fingers from above the knuckles.



This is the guard that was alleged to have been removed. **DO NOT REMOVE AT ANY TIME**





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**Actions**

* NEVER EVER PHYSICALLY REMOVE or ALTER ANY GUARDS OR PARTS OF THE MIXER

(see overleaf) – they are there for your

protection

* **DO NOT PUT ANY BODY PARTS IN THE**

**MIXER WHILST IT IS RUNNING**

* Mixers must only be used in accordance

with the Mixer Safety Manual

* Always carry out daily inspections of equipment prior to leaving for site, and inspect prior to use and ensure Mixer Inspection Sheets are completed
* Ensure Kill Switch is in good working order and check on a daily basis
* Always keep guards in position, in good working order, correctly adjusted and aligned
* If any guards or safety features are missing or damaged then all work must immediately stop until the guards or safety features are replaced

You must only use mixers as supplied by the manufacturer. You must never modify or change any part of a mixer





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