

## Finger Injury

The incident occurred when a gang of three were sent to realign some natural stone kerbs and setts in a conservation area. They removed a 6m length of stones and were cleaning and cutting them in preparation for the relaying of the setts and Kerbs.

Later one of the team returned to the depot to dispose of the arisings and collect concrete for the new kerb bedding and another team member went to the second vehicle to complete some paperwork.

The third team member carried on with the preparations and whilst arranging the setts for reuse he picked one up but stumbled forward still holding the stone set. His finger was crushed between the set he was carrying and a set already on the ground.

It was also found that a First Aid kit was not available in the vehicle left on site but luckily a neighbouring resident attended to the injured person.

The injury resulted in the operative having the tip of his ring finger amputated on his right hand due to the severe damage caused to the bone.

A full investigation is being carried out into this RIDDOR Reportable incident.



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