



SAFETY ALERT #102

Use of Wheelie Bins / Waste Management

Date of Incident:

21 October 2015

What happened?

Two TSP's were lifting a 180L wheelie bin into a larger skip container when one of the TSP's felt pain in his right bicep and heard a tearing noise. Initially the TSP thought it was just his shirt ripping and the lift was continued but after putting the wheelie bin down the pain was still felt.

The photo below is a re-enactment of the lift.

Weight of Wheelie Bin Empty – 12kg

Weight of Wheel Bin with Contents (that were emptied) – 17kg

Contents of Wheelie Bin – General office waste such as paper, drink cans, food scraps etc.



Injury/Damage:

Occupational Injury

Contributing Factors:

Primary Root Cause:

- Wheelie Bin requires persons to manually lift and empty into a larger skip bin

Secondary Root Cause:

- Office waste bins emptied into larger Wheelie Bin and then this is emptied into a skip

Recommendations:

- Klinge Senior Management have advised that from today and until further notice, no Klinge personnel are to manually lift a Wheelie Bin to empty the contents into a larger skip. The only movement of a Wheelie Bin is for it to be tilted and wheeled around the tyre pad. If a mechanical lifting device is available this can be and should be used at all times.
- All sites are to provide the Klinge Safety Team with information on how they currently manage their waste / rubbish on site. This should include office and tyre bay waste. The attached table is too filled in by either the Tyre Bay Manager or Supervisor with responses to be provided no later than COB Tuesday 27th October 2015.

Should you require anything further, please feel free to give me a call.

Eliminate All Unsafe Acts & Conditions.

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