

Storage & Transport of Wheel Chocks

A recent incident within Klinge has highlighted a task that our TSP's conduct everyday has the potential to cause personal injury. This task relates to the manual handling of large earthmover wheel chocks. Wheel chocks used for heavy earthmoving equipment can weigh between 12 – 18kg, dependant on the size and brand of chock. If these wheel chocks are stored or handled incorrectly, the likelihood of injury increases. In this case the wheel chocks had to be manually lifted in a vertical motion to remove them from the storage rack. To prevent this from happening we must strive to eliminate the need to manually handle earthmover wheel chocks.

The photo below shows the wheel chock storage rack involved in the recent incident where a TSP has sustained a sore shoulder when lifting the wheel chock weighing 16kg from this rack.



Recommendations:

1. If your site has a wheel chock storage rack similar to the one above, tag this item out and remove from service.
2. A Wheel Chock Transporter Trolley must be used for all large wheel chocks used for earthmoving equipment (refer to photo on next page). The use of this purpose built trolley will minimise manual handling for TSP's.

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3. Store the wheel chocks in a suitable location at ground level (preferably with the wheel chock transporter still attached).
4. The storage location needs to be within reasonable proximity to the job (to promote efficiency) but out of the immediate work area (to avoid damage).



Wheel Chock Transporter Trolley

Should there be any enquiries regarding the contents of this Safety Tip please contact a member of the Klinge Safety Team 0738393077 or safety@klinge.com.au

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