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Strangulation (non Crossrail)

Warning regarding selection of PPE and Clothing

This Alert has been provided by an external organisation (not Crossrail related).

What Happened?

A contractor was working on site to eliminate the rust on a piece of piping with a wire power brush prior to painting. The deceased was wearing a neck muff to keep warm in the cold weather. The neck muff rolled into the brush and pressed the workers respiratory tract, resulting in strangulation. Immediate CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) were performed at the location of the accident and the deceased was taken to hospital by ambulance but unfortunately died.



Considerations for Crossrail sites:

The following key messages should be considered by all sites:

- Ensure that risk assessments are in place for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Consider your clothing selection, ensuring that there is no opportunity to for entrapment / snagging of garments, jewellery or hair on moving parts
- Select appropriate footwear for the task ensuring that they are replaced when damaged
- Select appropriate eyewear and ensure that they are cleaned regularly and replaced when scratched / damaged
- Consider the provision of purpose balaclavas during cold weather
- Consider the use of lightweight thermal undergarments.