



Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd

# SAFETY ALERT

**ARTC NSW No. 23**

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## **FINGERS – YOU NEED THEM**

Recently there have been a number of very serious finger injuries suffered by our employees

Investigations into these incidents have revealed that employees had their hands/fingers where they should not have been

The TAKE FIVE principals had not been used before the tasks were commenced

Each of the injuries could have been prevented

Fingers are a vital part of our body; we need them and use them everyday

**STOP AND THINK** before undertaking any task using your hands – ask yourself what could happen

### **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

- Advise all employees under your control of this Safety Alert
- Place the Safety Alert on display
- Re-enforce the TAKE FIVE principals – Stop and Think before commencing any task
- Ensure a “sign-off” (for example, a Team Safety Meeting record) is obtained to verify that employees have been briefed on this Safety Alert