



# INCIDENT ALERT

## General Information

Date of Incident	8/11/13
State	Vic
Type of Incident	Incident Causing Injury (No Lost Time)

## About the Person

Occupation of Person	HPWJ operator
Experience of Person	Over 5 years
Training Level	Company Induction
Other Training	Industrial Services Induction
No. of Hours Completed	½ hour

## About the Incident

Time of Accident	13:130pm
Result of Injury	Doctor Only
Lost Days	Nil
Description of Incident	Whilst in operation a Class A pressure hose ruptured near the ferrule. Hot water struck the operator on his right hip. The pressure hose was inspected prior to use and was deemed serviceable.
What Equipment Category	Class A hot water pressure wash
Equipment Used	Gun
What happened unexpectedly	The pressure hose ruptured near the gun
What Was Person Doing	Pressure washing floor and surrounding areas.

## Corrective Action

What Immediate Action	Immediate releasing of the hold to activate device Shutting the unit down Reporting of incident Medical attention Incident investigation started.
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## Preventative Action

Elimination	
Substitution	
Isolation or barriers	Procure a protective sleeve for all hoses used on Class A systems to protect operator from being burnt in the event of hose failure.
Engineering	
Administration	Obtain test certificates with all new hoses to determine age of hose and ensure hose has been batch-tested An investigation was conducted and an internal safety alert issued. Develop a preventative maintenance system for testing of hoses (12 monthly testing) Upgrade pre-start checklist to include critical checks in accordance with Australian Standards
PPE	Reinforce the wearing of wet weather gear for all pressure wash activities

## LEARNINGS

The mixture of hot water and low pressure can still cause harm to the operator.

