

Safety Alert (August 2022)



Mobile Compressor Injury Incident

Background

What happened?

- The team were packing away at the end of a job. A member of the team lifted the canopy of the compressor to put away the air hose. As they leaned in, the canopy came down with force and fell onto their forearm, leading to a fracture of the lower arm / wrist.
- A new hinge had recently been fitted to the canopy / hood as part of planned repair work. Both rams (*mechanical stays*) were disconnected when the repair was undertaken. The compressor was brought back into service 4 days before the incident. Upon inspection post event, it was confirmed that a retaining clip was missing.



Image of mobile compressor



Image showing ram **without** retaining clip.

What do I need to do?

- If you are responsible for any mobile compressors, please carry out checks to ensure that the rams are fixed in place and all retaining clips in place. Any found to be defective must be immediately quarantined until appropriate repairs can be carried out.
- Consider any other plant / equipment that may have similar fixings, and also carry out the checks on these.
- Consideration should be given to the installation of mechanical stays to support the canopy in future, i.e. if a ram fails.
- Remember to always carry out thorough pre-use checks on any plant or equipment you are using, and record these checks.



Image showing ram **with** retaining clip.

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