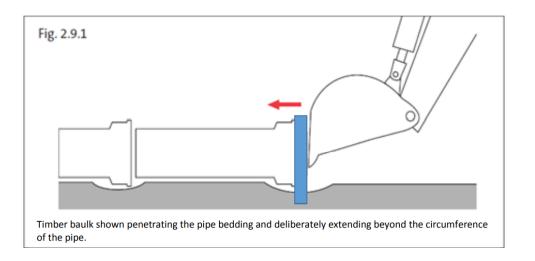
## Learning Bulletin – Eight2O Injury Incident – Excavator Incident

## What Happened?

In 2017 an incident occurred between an excavator and an operative whilst it was being used to push a large diameter pipe into position. The operative sustained an injury to his hand, from the quick release hatch on the excavators bucket, whilst holding a large piece of wood in place to prevent damage to the pipe.

## Why did it really happen?

The operative and plant were in too close of proximity without a safe system of work and inadequate supervision. Following a change of scope to the task the operatives continued work without a suitable briefing on how the task was to be completed safely.





## What can I do differently?

- All fixed and mobile plant must only be operated by trained and competent operators Only operate the plant if you have complete understanding of the operating procedures.
- Ensure a Point of Work Risk Assessment (SHE5) is undertaken following any change to the task.
- Following any change of works scope, ensure the RAMS have been updated to incorporate the new SSOW and everyone has been briefed.
- Never take it upon yourself Always consult your supervisor!
- Zero compromise If you are unsure that the method is the safest way to complete the task, ask your supervisor and challenge. Ensure you fully understand the Safe System of Work before proceeding