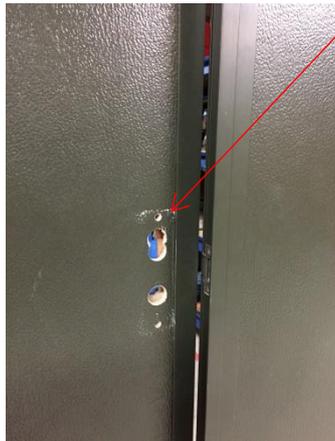


WORKER TRAPPED INSIDE BUILDING DUE TO FAULTY DOOR HANDLE/LATCH

Door after worker had removed the lock



When and where this incident occurred:

8 May 2017, Ngatamariki power station.

Brief description of incident:

While on site a contractor entered the electrical storeroom for maintenance and closed the door behind him. When the contractor tried to exit the room the handle wouldn't open the latch. There was no second exit in the room, and the contractor didn't have his cell phone on him as he had been working in the hazardous area. After an hour of trying, the contractor was able to escape the room by disassembling the door handle with the limited tools he had on him.

Learning's from this incident:

- Make sure workers have a suitable communication device when working on site.
- All doors/locks are being checked to ensure they are working correctly and will be routinely checked as part of Building WOF requirements.
- Take a moment to check the door mechanism is working properly when entering buildings if there is just one exit.
- Report any defects and ensure repairs are completed promptly.

For further information about this safety notification, please refer to Synergi Life incident [#9368](#), or contact: Gary Thomas – Geothermal Health and Safety Manager

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Please discuss this Safety Alert with workers at your next tool box or team meeting