



Heads Up

**SAFETY
ALERT**

WHERE & WHEN:

Unit 5 Outage, Huntly, Wednesday 7th November 2018

WHAT HAPPENED?

A propane heating torch was being used to aid the removal of a compressor diaphragm that couldn't be removed by normal tooling methods. The torch had been in use for a short period of time when, on a restart of the torch, there was ignition of a gas that had been released into the area from a failure in the hose. This resulted in the beard of the worker being singed.

The operator quickly isolated the gas and was assessed by his workmate to make sure he was OK. The hose was cut to prevent further use and the incident was immediately reported to their Supervisor.

WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED?

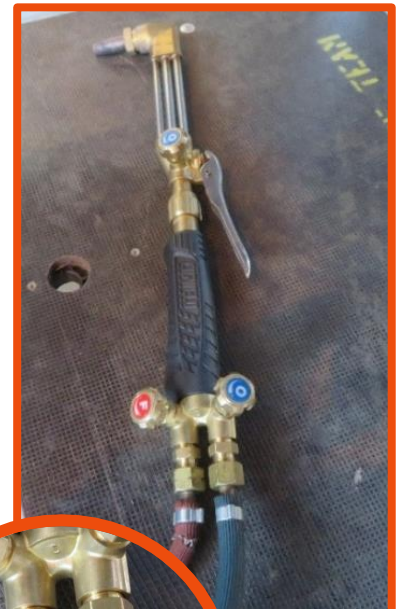
If there had been a larger volume of gas released into the area, or a flashback to the cylinder the outcome may have been serious injuries to both the operator of the torch, and others in the area.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

- Checking all hoses across our sites and replacing any that show signs of deterioration.
- Reviewing ways to prevent stress points on leads and hoses.

OUR INPUT & ACTION REQUIRED

- This Safety Alert is a reminder that equipment can fail unexpectedly.
- Please ensure that you check all equipment thoroughly ***prior to every use***.
- ***Never*** use equipment that is in poor condition.
- When using flammable gas or other hazardous substances ensure that you have identified and adequately controlled the potential for a gas leak.



THANKS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO A SAFER WORKPLACE