

Petrol Powered Water Blaster Incident

What happened?

During a water blasting activity utilising a petrol-powered water blaster, in the hydro station yard, the water blaster 'vibrated' across the concrete carpark coming to rest against the door of a vehicle parked in a designated car park. The hot exhaust from the water blaster burnt a circular patterned mark into the driver's door paintwork.

When the driver returned to the car and noticed the damage, the worker provided the relevant details of the event.

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What did we learn?

In this event, the vibrating, hot object only contacted the door of the vehicle, had this come to rest on the vehicles tyre or an individual the damage sustained may have been significantly greater.

Considering the environment around the area where work is being undertaken is critical to ensuring all risk of harm is identified and mitigation measures are put in place.

