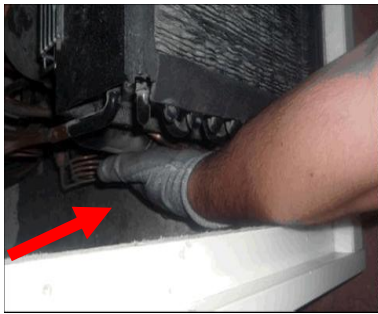


## SAFETY ALERT

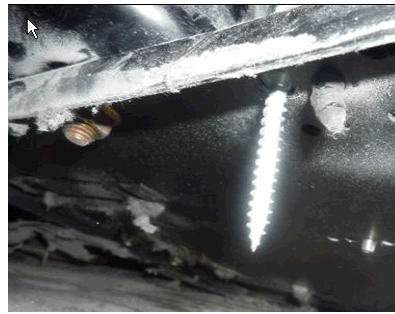
### Medical Treatment Incident / Switzerland May 09

#### WHAT HAPPENED?

A technician was working on Chiller unit in shop area. With his bare hand he was locating a bolt in the lower part of the Chiller. When retracting the hand he cut his thumb requiring 3 stitches.



Hand placed in area with no view of dangers, no glove worn during the actual job



Some of the potential hazards in the area under the unit



Resulting injury

#### WHY DID IT HAPPEN?

The Technician decided to remove what hand protection he had and to place his hand under a HEE unit without analysing it first for possible hazards. From the investigation it came clear that he did this routinely because he was not convinced that his gloves offer enough sensitivity to locate screws and bolts.

#### WHAT COULD HAVE PREVENTED THE INCIDENT / LESSONS LEARNED:

1. Perform a **Last Minute Risk Assessment**,
  - No pre-check of the working area was performed and you never know what is waiting for you
    - Remember last years the incident from the US where a worker was bitten by a squirrel that had nested in an outdoor cabinet.....
  - By taking off the gloves routinely, he consciously accepted the risk
2. Get the **proper gloves** for the job
  - Having accepted the risk, the worker had not raised to his management, the issue he had with the gloves
3. Evaluation of this type of Cooler equipment design in view of future maintenance activities

**The Last Minute Risk Assessment is a continuous process because.....Every Minute can be your last one ....**

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