

High Pressure Paint System: Partial Finger Loss

Occupational health and safety expert, Ron Schaible, was retained by plaintiff counsel on a case involving the partial loss of a finger due to high pressure injection of paint/solvent at an employer's premises.

Plaintiff admitted he had spray painting experience in the automobile industry. However, his prior experience was exclusively with low pressure spraying. On his first day of work with his new employer, plaintiff was assigned to spray paint parts with a high pressure paint gun system. Plaintiff was not told that it was high pressure spraying system, no training or instruction was given, no observation of his abilities was performed. The nozzle clogged and he attempted to clear the clog with his finger as he had done in the past with low pressure systems. The rest is obvious.

Ron Schaible addressed multiple issues in this matter, including worker training & instruction, lack of use of guards for paint gun nozzles, and warnings.

This case settled for an undisclosed amount.

Ron Schaible has more than 35 years of insurance and industry experience in occupational health, safety, indoor environmental quality, ergonomics/human factors, and training issues. He also has 16 years of university teaching experience.

Ron has conducted forensic investigations for over 27 years and has testified more than 90 times, including mass tort & multi-district litigation. He applies his OSHA and EPA expertise in industrial, commercial, educational, health care and community exposures to evaluating the injury and property impacts of chemical, biological and pollution hazards.

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