

SAFETY ALERT

ALERT TOPIC	Hand Injury	ALERT REFERENCE:	CRL 04072023
TARGET AUDIENCE:	Regional Managers Site Managers Site Engineers and Supervisors Operatives Other Interested People	AUTHORISED BY:	N Roper T Grierson
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INTRODUCTION

An operative on a CRL Highways site was installing timber batten to contain spray concrete.

Though the investigation is ongoing, from information learned so far:

- the operative was cutting a piece of 2"x1" timber using a cordless circular saw
- the timber was not securely held down on a workbench
- when the saw was applied to the timber it made contact with his left hand cutting three fingers resulting in a visit to A&E and receiving stiches.



REASON FOR ISSUING THIS ALERT

To promote safer working and to prevent a reoccurrence of injury.

CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION POINTS

Though the injury in this instance resulted in cuts requiring stiches, the outcome could have been much more serious.

remind people to ensure that;

- Any timber being cut should be suitably held down on an appropriate workbench.
- Use the correct saw i.e., a handsaw may be a better option.
- Visually inspect tools and equipment before use
- Only use tools and equipment that you are competent to use.
- Ensure that adjustable blades are set to a minimum depth for the task.
- Keep any loose garments away from the blade.

If you have any concerns with the above points, please discuss with your line manager.









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Please communicating the contents to your site teams as appropriate Record this briefing on the form below and retain in your contract file.

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PROJECT NAME:		DATE OF BRIEFING:	
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The following people have signed to confirm receipt and understanding of this SHEQ Alert:

NAME	EMPLOYER	EMPLOYEE ID	SIGNATURE

If you have any SHEQ issues that you wish to discuss, please contact your supervisor, line manager, or a member of the SHEQ team.





