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TARGET AUDIENCE:	Regional Managers, Project manager Site Managers Site Engineers and Supervisors	AUTHORISED BY:	T Grierson N Roper
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INTRODUCTION

When using power tools safety precautions must be planned in and used i.e.

- Suitable workbench
- Selection of the correct tool
- Work environment
- Housekeeping
- Skilled operator
- etc



REASON FOR ISSUING THIS ALERT

It was noted by the Client that a contractor working on behalf of CRL appeared to be working without consideration to many of the above points i.e.

- No pre planning of work (insofar as onsite adjustments to offsite prefab shuttering)
- No suitable workbench
- No cable management
- Would an alternative saw be better i.e. handsaw or cordless?

CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION POINTS

We have recently had a couple of incidents resulting in personal injuries from incorrect use of power tools. We have a duty to ensure that employees and those engaged by us work in a safe manner this includes adequate information and controls within RAMS, supervision, and oversight of works.

Basic good practice measures i.e. suitable workbenches in suitable locations can alleviate the temptation to take shortcuts.



