

SAFETY ALERT HAND INJURIES



What Happened

Between 16 November and 18 November, three apprentices injured their hands on different sites. These apprentices included one from construction and two from roofing. Two sustained injuries to fingers and one to the palm of the hand.

Two injuries required first aid and one required surgery to repair a damaged nerve.

Why did it Happen

Two apprentices were not wearing gloves when they were required to. One was wearing gloves, which minimized the severity of the injury.

Complacency, not thinking through the task, and rushing work all contributed to the resulting incidents.

Procedures were not followed correctly.

How to Prevent this Type of Incident

All apprentices **MUST** wear the correct protective gloves for the task at hand.

The required time to complete the task/job safely must be provided. The apprentice must follow procedures correctly and use the right tools. For example, when using a hand drill, fingers are not to be used to hold item(s) in place. Tools such as multi-grips can be used in such situations.

Summary

Personal Protective Equipment must be worn where and when required because it is the last line of defence. Apprentices must concentrate on their work and not take short cuts to finish work in a hurried fashion. It is important to take the required time and tools, to complete work safely. Take the extra minute to source the right tools, and save yourself from potential injury.

Safety can never be compromised. Not wearing PPE such as gloves may lead to disciplinary action.

Remember to **STOP-THINK-DO**



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