

Safety Alert

“ALL INJURIES CAN BE PREVENTED”



Please note – this Safety Alert contains graphic content.

Safety is important to us at Ai Group Apprentice and Trainee Centre.

We have a commitment to caring for our employees, so they return home at the end of the day in the same condition in which they started.



Most Common causes of cuts and lacerations –

- Flat metal sheets – sharp edges can cause cuts and punctures.
- Hand tools – screwdrivers, knives, pliers, drills, punches and scrapers can cause cuts.
- Machine tools – circular saws, Band saws, drills, lathes, Angle grinder wheels can also cut and lacerate.
- Machine parts, castings, stamping, rods and bar stock may have sharp edges and corners.

These hazards can be reduced by wearing cut resistant gloves, if safe to do so.

Work-related hand and wrist injuries are the most common work-related injury type in the Australian workforce. The injuries range from being relatively minor to very severe, most commonly involving the fingers, with open wounds the most common injury type and amputation the most severe injury type.

Hand injuries in manufacturing are mostly open wounds, lacerations, or amputations from machine kickback, jams or knots and foreign objects, resulting in users being hit or cut by tools, or being caught or crushed in machinery.

SAFETY TIPS

Ensure you follow all safety instructions required for the task.

1. **FOCUS & CONCENTRATE** on the task set before you.
2. Don't rush the job.
3. **ALWAYS** use the right tools for the job and ensure they are in good condition.
4. **ALWAYS** cut away from your body.
5. **ALWAYS** wear appropriate gloves and / or arm guards to protect against potential lacerations.
6. Keep safety equipment in good condition.
7. Only use equipment and tools which you have been trained in and if you are unsure always ask your supervisor.

Be sure to report any hazards to your Host supervisor and any injuries or near misses to your Ai Group Apprentice and Trainee Centre ETC immediately.

**THINKSAFE
BE SAFE
LEAVE SAFE**

- 1 Stop, step back, observe
- 2 Walk through task
- 3 Identify hazards
4. Control & communicate
5. Safely complete task



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