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	Outline the Scene	Incident	Brick Saw – Cut to left index finger
		Subject	Power Tools
		Incident Date	20-01-2022
		Business Unit	Fletcher Living – North

What happened



Whilst placing a brick on the brick saw guide, an operator has moved her hand too close to the saw blade and her left index finger had made contact with the blade. The result of this was a minor cut requiring butterfly stitches. The operator was loading and discarding off cuts in a “criss – cross fashion”. The brick saw was not set up level which caused the brick guide to slide to the middle causing the operators hand to be closer to the blade when operating. The operator has not received training in a language she understands and competency was not confirmed.



In an ideal situation bricks should be fed from the left hand side and off cuts discarded on the right hand side. This was done in the opposite direction on the day (“criss cross”)

Arrow also points to brick guide.



We believe all injuries are preventable, here are some questions to help us learn



- Has the set up been planned in advance to allow enough operating space?
- Will the process of set up flow i.e. left in, dispose right?
- Has an exclusion zone been established?
- Is the operator competent and how is competency confirmed?
- Has the saw been set up level?

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