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<b>Outline the Scene</b> 	<b>Incident</b>	Electrician dislocates pinkie finger at top knuckle
	<b>Subject</b>	Finger caught in rotating tool
	<b>Incident Date</b>	22-05-2025
	<b>Radar Reference</b>	INCID-0089582
	<b>Business Unit</b>	Fletcher Living – Canterbury

## What happened



While drilling cable holes through nogs from a 6-step platform ladder with a full safety rail, an Electrician has dislocated his left pinkie finger. He was using a driver drill with a side handle and a 450mm auger bit and wearing full PPE, including cut-resistant gloves. While facing an exterior wall near a ranch slider cavity, the drill bit travelled on an angle to avoid a metal strip has become stuck and the chuck has loosened. The worker has removed one hand from the handle and, while tightening the chuck with his free hand, has pressed the trigger. His pinkie was caught in the rotating parts, resulting in a dislocation at the top knuckle.



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



- When working with power tools that can cause entrapment, can we isolate the energy source before placing our hands near the rotating parts?
- How often are our contractors holding internal training and toolbox talks around hand safety?
- Should the supervisors of our contractors have more involvement during task analysis sign on at inductions?

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