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Outline the Scene	Incident	Drill Bit vs Hand
	Subject	Working with Powertools
	Critical Risk Type	NCR01 - Contact with hot or sharp objects
	Incident Date	3-9-2024
	Radar Reference	/INCID-0082143
	Business Unit	Fletcher Living - Canterbury

What happened	
	<p>A carpenter was required to cut a notch from a piece of 90x45mm timber so that it could fit into the required position. To do this the individual used a handheld drill with a 25mm spade attachment. During the use of the drill the IP has been holding the timber the drill bit has slipped and impacted into the IP's Left palm, even though the IP was wearing hand protection the impact caused a laceration which required medical treatment and was required to take time off work.</p>



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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the workspace sufficient for the task? • Could a clamp be used to secure the material? • Is a tight fit even required? • Are you using this drill or other equipment safely? • Is there a better way to complete the task? • Could any of my body parts or colleagues be in the line of fire?

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