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	Outline the Scene	Fractured finger
	Incident Subject	Hand Injury
	Incident Date	15-08-2023
	Business Unit	Fletcher Living – Central Branch

What happened 	<p>The plumbing apprentice was attaching the pipe cutting unit to the battery drill. He placed his left hand on the pipe cutter to confirm it was secured by pulling it forward. This movement resulted in the right index finger accidentally activating the drill causing the pipe cutter to rotate in his hand. The pipe cutter caught and twisted the glove resulting in a fractured finger.</p>
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Tool used 	Available alternatives
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We believe all injuries are preventable, here are some questions to help us learn	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are contractors ensuring that workers are trained on the safe use of equipment including the correct selection of tools/attachments and fitment of attachments. 2. Is the correct glove being used for the task, including fit? 3. Should the tool be isolated while fitment of attachments are being checked, i.e., remove battery, unplug if electric, etc.?

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