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Outline the Scene	Incident	Cut to left wrist with angle grinder
	Subject	Cutting Rondo
	Incident Date	3-11-2023
	Business Unit	Fletcher Living – South Branch

What happened?	Worker was cutting 3 rondo ceiling battens with a battery angle grinder which had a guard on. One end of the rondo was up on a nog whilst the worker held the other end with left hand and grinder in right, his hand was positioned too close to the cutting area and when he had cut most of the way through, the rondo offcut dropped causing the grinder to jam and lurch up into his left wrist causing a small laceration. Worker went to Waiata Medical Centre where he received two stitches.
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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) Was the angle grinder the right tool for the task?2) What other methodologies could be considered to complete this task? Including a suitable work platform?3) Do we need to provide additional resources on correct body positioning and cutting techniques?

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