

TOOLBOX TRAINING

CIRCULAR SAW RECORDABLE HAND INJURY

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION:

A worker was asked to cut shims. The worker found a piece of 2x4 and rested it on a piece of insulation board to keep it off the ground. They held the 2x4 in one hand and cut it with a circular saw with the other hand. As they cut through the 2x4, the blade cut through the pinky finger on their right hand, causing a laceration above the last knuckle.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

- The worker was using a left-handed saw and was right-handed dominant
- The worker was new and had not received training on the tool.
- The worker was not following the procedure of using two hands on the tool.



KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR EVERY EMPLOYEE:

New workers require appropriate training and supervision when using any tools.

Two hands are required when using power tools with two handles to ensure both hands are out of the line of fire.

Adequate worktables must be planned for and implemented in all operations for proper ergonomics and use of tools.

Do not expect every worker to be competent to use common tools in their trade, verify work set up and competency when assigning tasks.

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With your crew members, discuss the following question:

1. How would an injury like this **IMPACT** you, your family and your work?



CREW MEMBER SIGN OFF		