



SAFETY ALERT MTI – Laceration

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WHAT HAPPENED:

An employee suffered a laceration injury whilst using a five inch angle grinder. The employee dropped the grinder onto the opposite arm that was holding the grinder causing a laceration injury requiring sutchers.



Five Inch Grinder



Gloves

Why Did It Happen:

Our employee was not following the correct Safe Operating Procedure for the safe use of the grinder. Our employee was operating the grinder with one hand and without a proper grip on the grinder. He dropped the grinder onto his opposite arm causing the laceration.

Contributing Factors:

- Employee not following Safe operation of an angle grinder
- Employee was using one hand to operate grinder without a proper grip on the machine

Corrective Actions Required:

- Host employer to retrain the employee on the safe use of the angle grinder
- Employee to always operate a grinder using Safe Operating Procedure
- Employee to always maintain a proper grip on the grinder

Key Learning's:

Always follow Safe Operating Procedures of any machine you are using

If you are unsure of the Safe Operation of the machine you are using stop work and ask a supervisor

Always wear PPE provided by 1300apprentice and your host employer

Remember to STOP THINK ACT REVIEW prior to the commencement of any Activity

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