

SAFETY ALERT

Title:	Serious Hand Injury from Circular Saw		
Date:	Tuesday, 23 June 2026	Alert Ref:	SA230626
Issued to:	All Carpenters		
Background:	<p>An apprentice carpenter recently sustained a serious hand injury while using a battery-operated circular saw to cut skirting material on a Coral Homes construction site.</p> <p>During the task, the saw reportedly kicked back, resulting in contact with the worker's hand and causing a severe laceration injury requiring emergency medical treatment.</p> <p>The investigation confirmed the worker had completed relevant training and had acknowledged the applicable Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS), toolbox talks, and safety documentation. This incident highlights the serious consequences that can occur when safe hand positioning is not maintained while operating power tools.</p>		
Direction to all Carpenters:	<p>This incident serves as a reminder that power tools can cause life-changing injuries within seconds if critical safety controls are not followed.</p> <p>PCBU's must ensure that all workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are appropriately trained for the tasks being performed. • Review and follow the relevant SWMS before commencing work involving power tools. • Keep hands and all body parts clear of blades, cutting paths, and moving components at all times. • Never position any part of the body behind, underneath, or in line with a blade where contact could occur in the event of tool movement, binding, or kickback. • Inspect power tools before use and immediately remove damaged or defective equipment from service. • Ensure materials are adequately supported and secured before cutting. • Wear the required personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety glasses, hearing protection (and gloves where required). • Maintain focus on the task being performed and stop work if conditions become unsafe. • Immediately report hazards, near misses, incidents, and defective equipment to the Site Supervisor. <p>Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining the highest levels of safety and compliance on all Coral Homes construction sites.</p>		
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