



## Lessons learned: Worker cuts finger whilst using petrol driven rail saw

### RECENT INCIDENT OVERVIEW

What happened?

A TES2000 PWAY worker required first aid treatment on site after sustaining an injury to a finger.

The worker was on a training course for small tools and the injury occurred when the right hand little finger came into contact with the casing of a petrol powered rail saw, through a gloved hand.



### CAUSE

The worker was attempting to start a petrol powered rail saw with the use of the pull start mechanism and the repeated action caused the finger to come into contact with the grill case of the tool.

- Remember - accidents can happen even when using PPE;

### CONSEQUENCES

Following the first aid treatment, the worker returned to work but with some discomfort.

### LESSONS LEARNED

- Always ensure full and suitable PPE is worn for the planned task;
- Always take care when handling tools, especially power tools;
- Before commencing work, always make sure that a suitable site briefing has been received, understood and signed for.

**SAFETY FIRST - EVERYONE HOME SAFE**