



Jointer injured thumb changing blade of reciprocating saw

On 9th October 2019 a jointer received an injury to his thumb resulting in a fracture and loss of the thumb nail.

Whilst attempting to change the blade of a Hilti 36V battery-operated reciprocating saw, the jointer inadvertently pressed the trigger - operating the saw, and crushing his thumb in the blade clamp.

First aid was administered on site by a team-mate before the jointer was taken to hospital by his team leader. The thumb was x-rayed where it was confirmed to be fractured.



The extent of the injury



Hilti WSR 36-A reciprocating saw



The blade clamp of the saw

Recommendations and action points

- Ensure you are familiar with the operating instructions of any power tools you are required to use.
- Before carrying out any adjustments, changing any accessories, or maintaining any power tool, ensure it is first disconnected from the power source either by withdrawing the plug or removing the battery pack from the power tool.
- Ensure all body parts are kept clear of the moving parts of any power tools whilst in operation.