

NZ Safety Alert

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Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

Injury from bench top buffer

A worker was buffing a bolt on the bench wire wheel when the bolt got jammed by the tool rest and the bolt ended up spinning downwards toward his leg.

The worker was wearing overalls and boots which helped protect him from serious injury but sustained minor bruising to his leg. First aid was administered on site.

Over the past twelve months we have seen a significant increase in occupational injuries including cuts, abrasions, broken limbs, and strains.



You need to ensure that:

1. Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is readily available to all workers when required.
2. Appropriate guards and/or interlocks are installed and maintained on plant to protect workers from moving parts.
3. All workers are trained and assessed as competent to operate all equipment, including workshop tools and machinery.

[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 5 years to September 2022 show 14% (767) of all incidents result in an occupational injury.

Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.