

# SAFETY ALERT

**Incident Title:**

Quick Cut Saw Kickback – Notifiable

**Date of Incident:**

September 2016

**Details:**

A worker was injured using a quick cut saw whilst cutting a reinforced concrete stormwater pipe to length. The pipe was placed on a single timber bearer on the ground while the worker was standing square to the pipe in line with the cut. During the operation of the saw, it kicked upwards towards his upper body and face resulting in a laceration of the neck.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Workers using the quick cut saw must be adequately trained. All materials being cut must be secured to prevent movement and correct PPE must be used.

**ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CONTRACTOR IN THIS CASE:**

The contractor will review current setup and methodology of cutting materials using quick cut saw to secure against unintended movements.

The contractor is investigating the use of clamps to secure against unintended movements of quick cut saw and is ensuring appropriate equipment is securely clamped. Plus ensuring the pipe is suitably restrained before cutting.

**LESSON**

The quick cut saw can cause serious injuries and in this case the person received a serious injury.