

# SAFETY ALERT

**Incident Title:**

Circular Saw Injury

**Date of Incident:**

July 2016

**Injury Description and Details:**

A Contractor cut his finger and partially severed a tendon whilst using a circular saw cutting strips of plywood. The strips of plywood were being used as support for formwork shutters. Micro-surgery on his finger was required.

SafeWork SA was notified by the Contractor and two Improvement Notices were issued.

*Outcome of this incident could have been very different if the finger had been completely severed, resulting in a permanent disability.*

**A reminder to all workers to ensure safe operation of plant:**

- Adjust depth of blade
- Blade guard in place
- Keep body parts away from cutting blade
- Clamp material to prevent unexpected movement
- Wear hearing and eye protection

***DON'T TAKE SHORTCUTS, SHORTCUTS CAN LEAD TO INJURIES IN THIS CASE A PARTIALLY SEVERED TENDON.***

