

Type of Incident

Finger Injury

Summary:

Whilst operating a radial drill, an employee had just completed drilling his first hole and as he planned to reposition and drill his second hole he noticed some cutting fluid which was covering the location he was about to drill. As he cleared the liquid away a piece of swarf from the drill piece cut his finger



Root Causes:

- Although a trip device was in position, there were no guards in place to protect the employee for the rotating chuck / drill piece
- Chuck / drill piece was in rotation whilst the employee cleaned the second hole
- Employees finders were too close to the moving chuck / drill piece

Actions Taken Thus Far: Next Steps

- Review risk assessment / Procedure for task and amend accordingly
- research for the most appropriate guarding to use for this type of activity
- Communicate and retrain all employees involved in this task, emphasising the importance in using the correct equipment and adhering to safe work practices