

Safety Alert

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

Worker injured finger on drill bit

A driller's offsider was measuring a drill bit with a calliper, while it was on the back deck of a rod carrier. The drill bit rolled off the rod carrier deck and started falling to the ground.

The offsider grabbed the bit as it rolled off the deck and cut his little finger in the gap between the hammer shroud and the drill bit.

First aid was provided by the drill crew and medical attention sought.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years show 15% of incidents (1,138 incidents) involved falls of which 409 involved fall of equipment.

You need to ensure that:

1. All plant and equipment is fundamentally stable when being stored and before any work is carried out on it.
2. When conducting maintenance, the most appropriate tools and equipment are used for the task at hand.
3. Appropriate PPE is available and used at all times.

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