

# SAFETY ALERT- 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Party- Road Saw

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### What Happened?

- While using a road saw to cut a concrete footpath, the operative stepped out from behind the saw to move barriers without stopping the blade.
- As the operative turned back to the saw, he stepped into the rotating blade and suffered a severe laceration to his foot.
- The operative was treated on site by the First Aider and removed to the hospital where he received further treatment.



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### Further Actions/Recommendations.

1. Plan work before commencing. If there is an area to saw cut, walk the area to ensure there are no obstacles.
2. All abrasive wheel equipment must be operated by a competent person.
3. Abrasive wheels can only be fitted by someone who is trained and competent to do so. (Abrasive wheels certificate)
4. Ensure guards for all abrasive wheel machines are intact.
5. Ensure appropriate PPE is worn when operating Abrasive wheel equipment.
6. When operating a road saw, if the operator needs to step from behind the saw at any time, the saw must be STOPPED, and the blade lowered.

Remember Abrasive wheel equipment of all types have the potential to cause severe life changing injury if they are not used with care.