



INCIDENT REFERENCE: INC- 02594

DATE ISSUE: 25/08/2024

SAFETY ALERT#: 021

Chainsaw File Injury

DATE: 18th July 2024

TIME: 12.30pm

LOCATION: Kaingaroa Forest

SITE/BU: Harvesting



DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

A Harvesting contractors worker went to fit a partially rotten piece of PRAD branch as a chainsaw file handle. He was forcefully pressing the wooden handle onto the file with the palm of his hand, the file was not centered in the middle of the branch, as pressure was applied the file broke through the handle and penetrated through his palm up into his wrist.

Worker was taken to A&E Rotorua. Admitted for surgery to safely remove file from palm, which has resulted in a Lost Time Injury.

PREVENTITIVE MEASURES

- Always work to best practice or documented risk assessment.
- Always Identify potential hazards in the work area.
- If in doubt, ask!
- Use only approved manufactured chainsaw file Handles. Plastic or wooden.
- Communicate the location of parts and supplies to all workers.



posted on all notice boards and used by supervisors at Toolbox Meetings

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO ALL WORK SITES