

Significant Incident Alert

Type of Incident Personal Injury (RWI)
 Key Issues Use of Bandsaw Without Guard
 INX Ref No 93177
 Date & Time Sunday, 03rd July, 2022 @ 10:45hrs
 Location Tabubil Mess One
 Injury Cut to Right Hand Thumb



DESCRIPTION

An FCS butcher was cutting whole tuna fish into steaks on the kitchen bandsaw. Due to the size of the fish, the IP did not use the guard and the gauge and was using his hand to guide the fish through the blade. The IP's hand slipped and his right thumb made contact with the rotating blade resulting an injury to his thumb. The injury received 5 stitches and the IP released on Restricted Duties

LESSONS

- Do not bypass safety guards when using equipment.
- Ensure Safe Work Procedures are complete and communicated.
- Management of Change is essential when circumstances change.

ACTIONS

- The cutting of whole fish on the bandsaw has ceased.
- Review how fish is ordered (ie fillets vs whole).
- SWPs for catering equipment to be updated and communicated.
- Establish Management of Change process.

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