



SAFETY ALERT

FIXED MACHINERY

Earlier this year, a technician was using a table saw to cut plastic uni-board. As he adjusted the fence to re-align the cut, the board contacted the unguarded blade and kicked back into his forearm.

He applied first aid to himself using an incorrect method, and managed to get to medical attention without suffering serious harm.

The guard had been removed as it could not be adjusted to cater for a previous job, and had not been refitted. As a result of the investigation, the saw was assessed as being unsuitable for the work being carried out due to the complex shapes and variety of materials encountered, so it is being replaced by a 3D cutter.

First aid training requirements were also reviewed.

Select machinery appropriate for the task

Ensure guards are fitted and correctly adjusted

Provide appropriate supervision and first aid coverage

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