

## Injury while grinding without PPE

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A worker was cutting an aluminium roof using a grinder when the wheel came apart, striking the worker in the face and causing serious injury between his upper lips and nose. A two week stay in the hospital was recommended by the doctor.

### What were the causes?

The company involved noted that:

- An improper grinding wheel had been used.
- No safety guard was found on the grinder.
- A face shield was not used.
- The worker had ignored both the company's safety instructions and the warning labels/instructions on the grinding tool.

### Lessons learnt

The company has re-emphasised the importance of following correct and safe practices, using the right tool for the job and adhering to all warning labels/signs.

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