

# SAFETY ALERT

**Incident Title:**

Punctured Thumb

**Date of Incident:**

July 2016

**Injury Description and Details:**

A worker received a thumb puncture injury from a protruding nail when moving a formwork shutter and the nail lodged in his thumb. The worker was wearing general purpose gloves however a check was not undertaken to see if a potential hazard existed.

The worker was taken to hospital and the nail removed and he was treated to prevent an infection.

Contributing factor: formwork was not de-nailed

**Recommendations/Lessons:**

- Hazard recognition was discussed at the next pre-start meeting.
- A Task Observation Audit will be undertaken by the worker's manager.
- Work crews were reminded of the task specific SWMS regarding systematic removal of all nails from formwork before it is moved or stripped.

**Safety is a choice you make.**

