

SAFETY ALERT

FINGER INJURY

A worker was mixing grout in a large plastic container using a cordless mixer. The worker attempted to flick a piece of grout from the paddle shaft. His glove became entangled on the rotating shaft forcing his finger backwards and fracturing the tip of his finger.



Recommendations:

- **Hands are to never touch a rotating shaft or mixing paddle.**
- **Hold the tool with both hands at the handles.** Loss of control can cause personal injury.
- **Do not reach into the mixing container or insert any other objects into it while mixing.** Contact with the mixer paddle may lead to serious personal injury.
- **Ensure that the mixing container is placed in a firm and secure position.** A container that is not properly secured may move unexpectedly.
- **Start up and run down the tool in the mixing container only.** The mixer paddle may bend or spin in an uncontrolled manner.
- **Always follow manufacturer's instructions and warnings.**
- **Develop a Safe Operating Procedure and ensure controls identified in the JSEA are followed including hazard potential of rotating parts.**
- **Always wear correct PPE, including gloves.**