



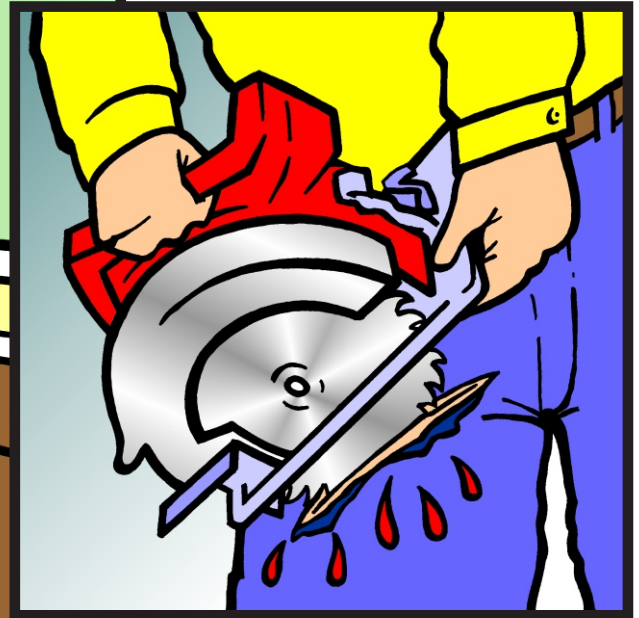
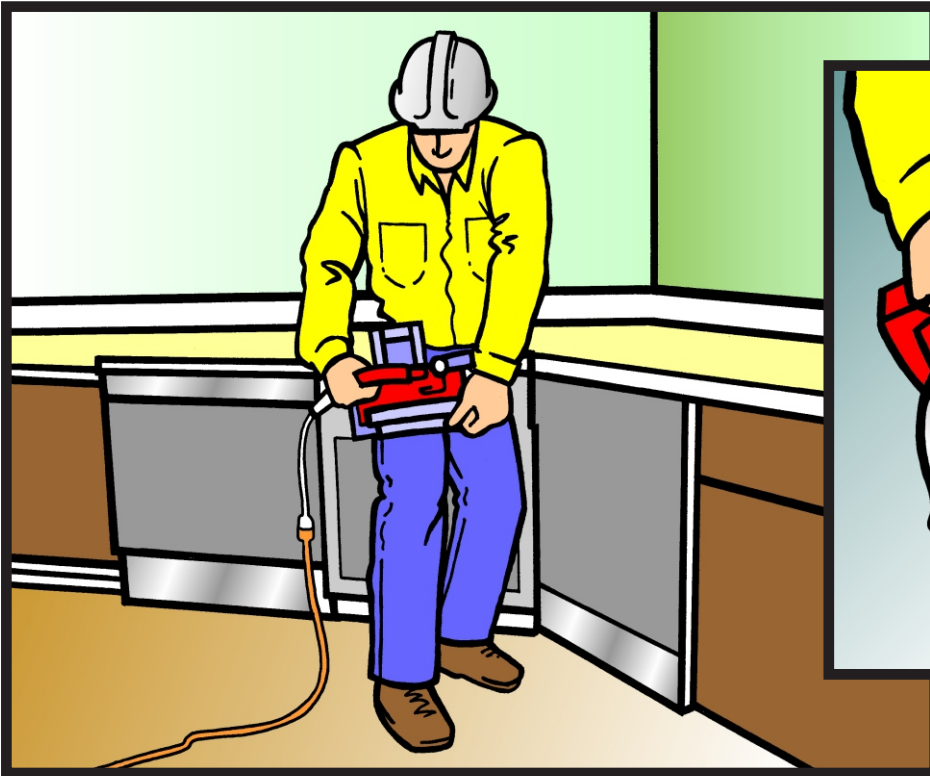
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CIRCULAR SAW ACCIDENT



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SAFETY RECOMMENDATION:

Upon the investigation of the accident, it was discovered that the major factor contributing to the injury was that the circular saw had a defective blade guard. The accident could easily have been prevented if the tool had been inspected to make sure it was in good working order and that the guard was properly in place. If power tools are found to be unsafe, they must be tagged out and stored away for repair.



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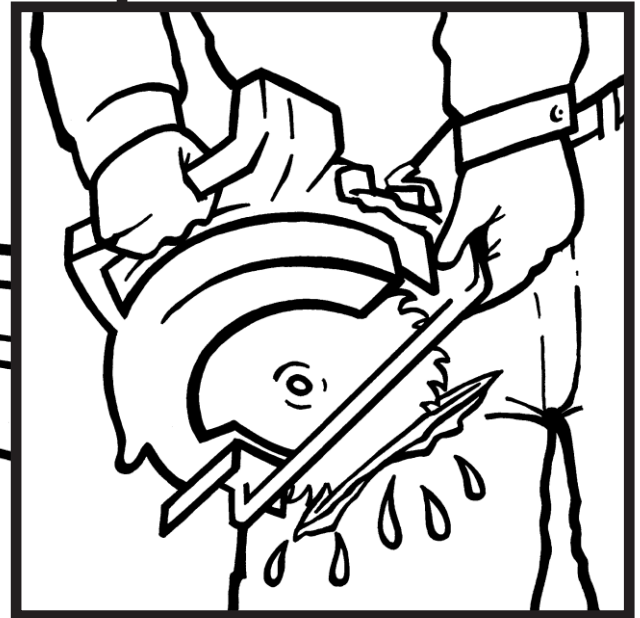
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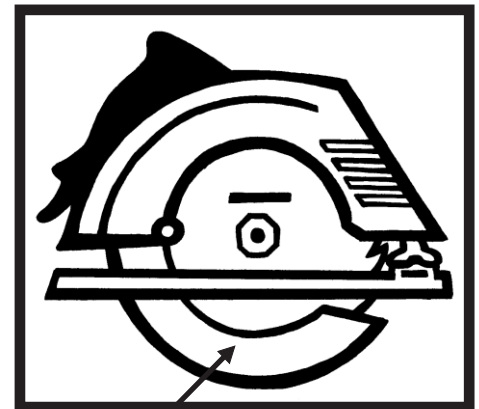


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