

# ACCIDENT ALERT!

## 'DON'T RISK IT WITH A RING'

All types of jewellery, particularly rings, are best left at home and not worn at work as they represent a significant hazard.

Rings can get caught in moving parts of machinery or on items such as door or cabinet handles, lengths of wire, fence posts or protruding nails as you are walking past. Invariably the outcome is at best, a badly bruised finger or at worst, an amputation of a finger with associated plastic surgery and permanent disfigurement (as in the photograph below).

Don't forget – metal conducts electricity and an electrical charge can be extremely hazardous and severe burns can result.

Metal also conducts heat and working close to hot surfaces can lead to ring becoming heated and severely burn the finger.



Northstone has now prohibited the wearing of rings and other jewellery at work for those who work on construction sites, in our workshops, quarries, factories, sand sites and depots. Office based staff should reduce the wearing of jewellery to a minimum as a hazard still exists of finger injury through wearing rings in this environment.

Should you have any queries about wearing rings or other jewellery at work, please refer them to your Health and Safety Advisor or Manager in the first instance.

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