

## Safety Alert 10: Cleaning a circular saw

### Accident description

- An employee was about to clean the blade groove of a radial arm saw with a knife from behind the saw. The saw was in operation.
- The employee had started the saw in order to switch on the saw dust collector. The blade guard of the saw had opened at the same time and the rotating blade hit the fingers of the employee.

### Corrective actions

- All power tools must always be disconnected from the power source for troubleshooting and maintenance purposes.



Cleaning of blade groove on circular saw.



The employee stumbled causing the blade guard to open and the rotating blade hit his fingers.