

Safety Advice

9" Grinders on Mercury sites



Due to the higher risk of injuries from shattering of blades and kickbacks, the use of 9 inch (230mm) angle grinders at Mercury sites are prohibited.

The basis for this is that the most common causes of injury from angle grinders are lacerations, either from blades/attachments that break and become projectiles or from angle grinder kickbacks. For example, in February 2016, an Australian worker received fatal injuries while operating a 9 inch (230mm) angle grinder, when part of a broken disc struck the worker's chest.

Should there be unique circumstances where this type of equipment is needed, approval must be gain by site management (Level 3 or Level 4 Manager) first.

For further information about this safety notification, please contact:

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Please discuss this Safety Advice with workers at your next tool box or team meeting