

# Operator using stone cropper broke and lacerated his finger

## WHAT HAPPENED

The injured party (IP), cut and broke a finger while operating a walling cropper. The incident was caused by the IP pulling and maneuvering a stone into the split zone, unfortunately he had not noticed that there was a stone overhanging on a stone that was behind the selected stone. When the selected stone was moved the stone that was balanced behind fell onto the IP's finger cutting it and breaking it. As a result of his injuries, it is estimated that he will be off work for 2 weeks.

## LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

### Preventative Actions:

- Ensure all selected waste stone is single layered to prevent any stones falling
- Ensure all cropper operators are authorised and trained to a competent level to ensure familiarity with the dangers of the cropper operation.

### Risk-changers:

- Reviewing the use of an adjustable 'letter box', for the stone to pass through. This will ensure that all the stone being pulled to the crop is at a single layer.

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LOCATION: QUARRY  
ACTIVITY: PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING  
SUB ACTIVITY: DIMENSION STONE

ALERT STATUS: Normal  
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