

# £21K PUWER Fine Following Severed Finger



## Understanding PUWER (Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations)

**PUWER (Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations)** places legal responsibilities on businesses to ensure working equipment is regularly inspected. Protect yourself with a PUWER Risk Assessment. These are a necessity in our eyes and the eyes of the law.

Time after time we continue to see incidents of severed fingers. The safety failings predominantly come down to faults in working equipment. These fall under these regulations.

### PUWER Prosecution

A recent prosecution explores how an export services company received a fine of £21k after Health & Safety failings.

An incident in 2019 saw an employee severe his left index finger. His finger came to blow with an unguarded part of a saw blade. The radial saw was being used to cut wooden batons.

Further to this, the HSE investigation shows failings concerning the maintenance of the guard. This refers directly to the adjustable front guard on the arm saw. Moreover, the wings nuts and the rendering guard previously showed faults, and so unusable in the eyes of the HSE.

Ensure you don't fall short on your [Health & Safety responsibilities](#). Here at AW Safety we specialise in Health & Safety and the day to day safety requirements.

We can support you with this specific regulation. On top of this we are also on hand to walk you through your existing Health & Safety policies and procedures. Feel free to speak to our [expert consultants today](#).

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