

**Tool Type**

Jigsaw

**Experience**

Beginner

**Injury Severity**

Close Call

**Description**

I was using the jigsaw to cut profiles out of plywood. I propped the ply up off the floor using scraps before cutting. Didn't notice that not all the scraps were the same thickness. I was cutting along when I reached the point that the scrap support was not a high as the orbit of the blade. The saw made a big SNAP noise and shot out of the cut and toward my head. I overreacted in that instant and pushed the tool back down. For some strange reason I did not take my finger off the power button. The tool proceeded to do quite a comical dance bouncing around on the plywood, narrowly missing both my legs since I was kneeling down and wearing shorts. Messed up the plywood and broke the blade, but I was OK.

**Advice**

Never overestimate your reflexes when pitted against a power tool. Wear proper clothing and protective equipment.

**Tool Type**

Jigsaw

**Experience**

Intermediate

**Injury Severity**

Hurt but OK

**Description**

Older cheap jigsaws that have the blade held in with either a slotted screw or an allen head screw can be dangerous. I have had a couple of accidents with this design where a finger can get caught between the foot plate and the head of that screw as it cycles up and down with the blade. The effect on a finger tip is like being hit with a hammer repeatedly

**Advice**

Get rid of a jigsaw that has the blade held in this way, they are accidents waiting to happen. Better models such as the Bosch don't have a screw there.

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When I first started using the jigsaw a couple of years ago, I wasn't paying attention to where the cord was. As I'm merrily cutting along, I notice that the cord was directly underneath of where I was cutting. I still shudder to think what would have happened, had I not noticed the cord.

**Advice**

At all times, know where your cord is! Running the cord overhead, or up and across one shoulder (opposite of hand holding the saw), is safer.

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**Experience**

Intermediate

**Injury Severity**

Needed Medical Attention

**Description**

God, I am so dumb. I was working at a friend's house installing an aluminum screen door. Marked the jamb, grabbed the saw and proceeded to cut. When I got about halfway through the cut, a sliver of metal shot into my eye, scratching my cornea. It was a fun trip to the ER - driving on a busy road with one eye closed, tearing up like mad. Doc flushed the eye, saw it was one scratch and got the piece out. Now I'm on antibiotic and antiinflammatory drops for the next week, and I'm seeing halos around lights with my left eye.

**Advice**

WEAR YOUR SAFETY GLASSES. Heck, look at your ER insurance decuctable, and then proceed to buy that value of safety glasses. Put at least two in the shop, one in the tool box, one with each of your portable power tools (circ saw, jig saw, etc.) It may seem silly to have four pairs of safety glasses you aren't using, but it beats getting to the job site and cutting without them because you forgot to bring them.

**Tool Type** Jigsaw

**Experience** Advanced

**Injury Severity** Hurt but OK

**Description**

I was changing the blade on my Metabo portable jigsaw when my hand turned on the slide switch of the saw. My finger was between the motor and the part that goes up and down. Crush injury. Really hurt and bled. Stupid me.

**Advice**

Always unplug you tools before you fool with them.

**Tool Type** Jigsaw

**Experience** Beginner

**Injury Severity** Close Call

**Description**

attempting to cut a circle on a cabinet when i suddenly noticed a flurry of sparks before realizing that i had spun the jig saw back upon the power cord! spent half an hour reattaching the cord.

**Advice**

KNOW where that cord is lying especially on circular cuts!

**Tool Type**

Jigsaw

**Experience**

Advanced

**Injury Severity**

Needed Medical Attention

**Description**

holding saw in one hand lifting up fast above my head in order to grab the power cord with other hand, did not know that I was standing on the power cord, suddenly lost grip of jigsaw which fell down and blade lodged into my right knee cap. many stitches and lost about 4 weeks of work and 10 weeks of play time. self employed and I have my own insurance no long term problems also learned a big lesson one maybe two.

**Advice**

besides not lifting power tools over your head while standing on the power cord, when working with power cord tooling keep an eye out for cord location. always rethink your work habits just to make sure they are safe. It's the items you don't think about that will get you, so look at all those habits that you do, those little things can and will be a problem some day.