

Tool Type

Scrollsaw

Experience

Advanced

Injury Severity

Hurt but OK

Description

You know how a scrollsaw is a relatively safe tool? Well, today mine bit 'hard' for it's puny blade. I was scrolling a lion portrait, stack cutting three copies. I was in mid cut on a long narrow cut and the wood was vibrating in front of the blade. I put my index finger on the wood to stabilize it. I must have been cutting a knot in one of the layers, for all of a sudden the level of resistance went way down and the blade went 1/8 of an inch into the very tip of my finger. Initially not a lot of blood and in the greater scheme of things a very Minor injury. I treated it with antiseptic and some antibiotic ointment, put a bandaid on and went back to work. The cut got the nail, the bed beneath it and the very tip of the finger. It is a very clean cut, and sealed up nicely under pressure to stop the bleeding. Obviously i shouldn't have been stabilizing just in front of the blade.

Advice

Even on something as safe as the scrollsaw, where you can literally put your finger against the running blade without injury, you should avoid putting your fingers-hand in the the path of the blade when guiding stock on the saw.

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So what happened was i was guiding the piece of wood through the blade. I looked at the person beside me and the i felt a pain in my middle finger. I cut my finger off! Blood was everywhere. I took my eyes off my work for one second and lost a finger. Luckily the ambulance came in time and froze my finger. They re-attached it and it works fine now. It was a close call.

Advice

Always keep your eyes on your work.