

Metal/Nonmetal Northeast District

Electrical Accident

On the morning of August 29, 2009 a contractor was electrocuted when he attempted to move an energized 440 volt portable brick saw. Movement of the saw pulled the electric cable from the connection with the motor, energizing the metal saw frame. The contractor was knocked to the floor where he was discovered by a coworker. The contractor was transported to the hospital where he was kept overnight for observation.



Best Practices:

- Perform an inspection of all machinery, equipment or tools before being energized.
- De-energize machinery equipment or tools before moving them.
- Follow proper Lock-out and Tag-out procedures if appropriate.