

## Injury to Finger While Preparing Food with Serrated Knife

### *Description of Incident (Occurred June 20, 2020)*

At approximately 8:45 a.m. a galley staff worker on an offshore production facility was preparing food with the use of a serrated knife. The worker was wearing approved Kevlar gloves (A4 cut resistant) as he was cutting bread in preparation to make sandwiches. As the worker applied additional pressure on the knife due to the bread being partially frozen, the knife inadvertently slipped and lacerated the tip of the worker's middle finger. The worker recognized the finger injury, immediately stopped work and notified the supervisor, who then escorted the worker to the medical center. After an assessment was made by the Offshore Medic it was determined that the injury would require medical treatment (sutures). Treatment was then provided by the medic and the worker later returned to his regular duties. *Note: Images included on page 2.*

The investigation into the incident revealed that the job safety analysis/safe work practice requires the use of cut resistance gloves while performing tasks with knives but does not specify the type of glove required when using a serrated knife.

### *Corrective Actions & Recommendations*

- The job safety analysis was revised to clearly outline the proper knife and equipment required for each kitchen cutting routine.
- Work instructions were updated to clearly state the requirement for donning a stainless steel mesh glove when using serrated knives (in addition to butchery and carving tasks).
- The organization sourced a cutting tool for use on bread and muffins to eliminate the hazard of cutting bread products with a serrated knife.

### *Applicable Lifesaving Rule*

No specific lifesaving rule applies to this incident. [Read more](#) about IOGP's lifesaving rules.

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Knife laceration to glove



Knife used



Hand Placement



Kevlar Glove (A4 type)