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## **Tech Tip Tuesday**

### **Safety**

Today I want to stress the importance of safety in the workplace. While the nature of what we do is not generally dangerous there are always risks involved in everything from pulling a trailer to using flammable chemicals such as acetone and MEK.

I recently received a report of an explosion while cleaning a drill with MEK. When wiping the drill with a rag soaked in MEK the trigger for the drill was pressed causing a spark and igniting the MEK and which caused a chain reaction also igniting an open container of MEK in which mixing wands were soaking. Thankfully there were no major injuries.

I also received a report of an injury with a crack chaser wheel cutting a persons foot. This injury required stitches.

Many of these types of injuries are completely avoidable using proper safety equipment and not getting complacent. You may want consider requiring your employees to wear pants and boots with safety equipment. Always make sure to follow recommend storage and usage of any chemicals you use. Following basic safety practices can save you in downtime due to injuries or damage to equipment.

Remember safety is your responsibility.