

While we love people develop their knowledge and interest in the science of magnetics, our products are not toys – many are used in a range of heavy industrial and scientific fields, and often employed purely for their brute magnetic strength.

WE WANT YOU TO BE AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF HANDLING MAGNETS, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEARN THE HARD WAY!

LEARN FROM ANOTHER'S EXPERIENCE!

Dirk was a 47 year old medical radiologist from the Netherlands, whose unfortunate (but all too common) encounter with magnets ended in the partial amputation of his finger.

A neodymium magnet he had carefully placed down unexpectedly leapt from the floor, flew half a metre up through the air, and collided into his hands, where he was holding another magnet.



As the magnets aligned themselves to each other around one of his fingers, the force of the impact instantly crushed his right index distal phalange bone, and severed a large blood vessel.

After being raced to the emergency trauma ward, Dirk underwent one and a half hours of surgery to remove the bone fragments from inside his finger. He was released in the morning with heavy pain killers, although the pain stayed with him for close to two weeks.

Five months after the accident, Dirk is still regaining the use of his hand again.

Reflecting on the accident, he said, *"I'm already telling people to be more than careful and never, ever use two large Neodymium's at the same time. In hospital they told me that I was very, very lucky... I still have all my fingers but it could have ended up really worse if the magnets collided in another way."*

I appreciate that you will use my story and pictures to warn others about the unknown danger of these beautiful magnets. I will never throw them away, but I now really respect Neodymium [magnets]!"



SAFETY should be your overriding priority at all times.

