《奥地利男子为失业救济锯左脚》

It sounds like the plot of a boring "Saw" film, but it's apparently all-too-real. An unemployed Austrian man cut off his own foot with a mitre saw so he could continue receiving jobless benefits.

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Hans Url, a 56-year-old from Mitterlabill, then took the foot and cooked it in the oven so doctors could not reattach it.

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"The planning was meticulous," Franz Fasching, a police spokesman, told the Daily Mail. "[Url] waited until his wife and his adult son had left the house and he was alone. He then switched it on and sliced off his left foot above the ankle--throwing it in the fire so it would not be possible to reattach it before he called emergency services."

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He "then made his way to the garage where he called emergency services and waited for them to arrive." Url was airlifted to a hospital in Graz, where he was put in an artificial coma so doctors could stabilize him.

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"The foot was too badly burned to reattach," a hospital spokesman said. "All we could do was seal the wound. He had lost a lot of blood--he almost died on the way to hospital."

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According to the Austrian Times, Url had complained before the incident that he was too sick to work and "didn't like the work he was offered." The kicker: according to the paper, being footless does not necessarily qualify Url for unemployment compensation.

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"He will be assessed once he is out of hospital and we will see what work we can find for him," Hermann Gössinger, a spokesman for the employment benefits office, said.

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