BC **Forest Safety** Council
Unsafe is Unacceptable

FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Close Call/Serious Incident

Location: **Poison Creek – Loughborogh Inlet**

Date of Incident: **Oct 2 2008**

Details of Incident: **Worker had finished doing a splice on a cable behind the yarder. He turned to walk passed the cable, when his right hand rubbed against the splice area of the cable. When his right index finger rubbed the cable some jaggers punctured the second joint.**
The worker had experienced jaggers in his hand before so he thought it was minor and carried on working. By the time he finished the day and was getting off the crew boat he felt that his hand was starting to swell up. He mentioned this to a fellow worker. The next morning he went to the doctor and had to be put on an antibiotic drip for infection.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

1) **Always wear hand protection when working around cables**
2) **Always report to first aid for medical treatment when a puncture occurs**

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