BC **Forest Safety** Council
Unsafe is Unacceptable

Forest Industry Safety Alert

Close Call or Serious Incident: Serious Incident

Select distribution (*internal or external*): External - Share with SAFE Companies

Safety Alert type: Other

BCTS Business Area:

Date of Incident: Jan 1, 2007

Company Name (optional): News Source

Details of Incident

A 40 year old man was using his snowblower to clear his driveway when a piece of ice jammed the auger. The man then tried to use his hand to clear the auger. The engine was still running, but the man thought the auger had a separate clutch system. He is unsure if he bumped the clutch, but he somehow engaged the auger and got his hand stuck in the snowblower.

A neighbor with a crowbar was able to extricate his hand. The man had massive tissue damage in his hand and required numerous stitches, but did not loose any fingers. He was off work for weeks.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

Read the manual for the piece of equipment you are operating.

Follow the de-energization and lockout procedures for the equipment.

Report all injuries.

For more information please contact:

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