

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Confined Area

An employee was trying to pound a board back into the sorter with a mallet. The mallet caught the corner of the board and flipped in the employees' hand pinching finger against the sorter bin.

Employee reported the incident to First Aid immediately. An X-ray showed a fracture at the top of the injured finger.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Ensure employees perform pre-job assessments during upset conditions
- Instruct sorter attendants to not hammer boards back into the sorter when they are working in a confined area at the floor chains. Jog the load to the front of the sorter where there is more room or cut the end of the board off if necessary.

Important Take Away

Identify all hazards with a pre-job assessment during all upset conditions.

