

PROMOTING SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

MANUFACTURING SAFETY INNOVATIONS



Rosemary Stated 'My first impression was "what a brilliant idea" ... something that EVERYONE would notice (workers, supervisors, managers, contractors) and could report immediately if the pole(s) was not in place. I believe this empowers all workers to be engaged in the safety program.'

Innovation Description:

The problem:

Many machine centers in sawmills require locking out gravity as part of the lockout procedure. At times the pin(s) or chain(s) go missing, they are not placed correctly or used during the lockout procedure.

The solution:

One operation was faced with using poles to lockout a series of hoist in their plywood plant. At times, the poles were not set correctly and were out of alignment. They decided to paint the poles shocking pink because this allowed everyone to see at a distance that the pins were used and they were all in alignment.

How this innovation applies to me:

In many forest products manufacturing operations there are various machine centers that use pins, blocks or chains to lockout gravity. Painting these items a noticeable colour such as shocking pink everyone is able to see from a distance that the equipment is locked out and the pins are set correctly.

Possible areas to apply this innovation include:

Sorter Bins - Edger Clam Shells - Automatic Strappers

This innovation was developed by:

This manufacturing safety innovation was developed by the Tolko Armstrong Plywood weekend cleanup crew and supervisor. It was identified by their external MAG Auditor Rosemary Courtney during their MAG SAFE Audit.



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