

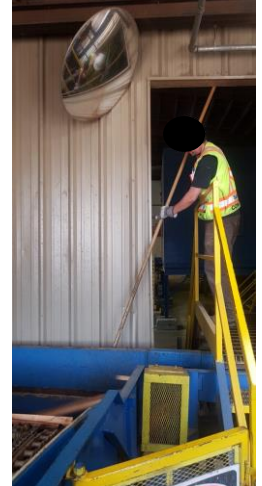
# SAFETY ALERT

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: Concussion From Being Struck With a Pike Pole

A worker was using a pike pole to straighten a cross-up at the strip machine unscrambler pocket. The waste belt under the unscrambler was left running, which had been a regular practice.

When the tip of the pike pole caught on the waste belt below the unscrambler, it caused the back end of the pike pole to strike the worker on the right side of head, just behind the ear, causing the worker's hard hat and safety glasses to be knocked off.

There is usually a UHMW deflector in place, but it had become loose and removed for repair. The amount of crossed up sticks in the unscrambler pocket had increased and the operator had performed the same motion of unjamming sticks a few times that morning.



### Most Important Take Away:

When there are recurring upset conditions get help or get the issue fixed so that you eliminate your exposure to the hazards.

### Suggested Actions:

- Always keep body out of the line of fire.
- The clearing cross-ups JSA has been reviewed and updated to include stopping belts under equipment being worked on with a pike pole.
- Review incident and pike pole safe work procedures with all crews.



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