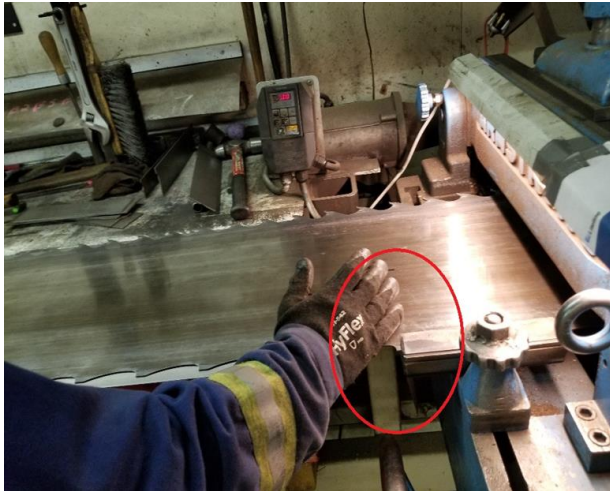


# SAFETY ALERT

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: Pinched Hand Injury Resulting in Medical Treatment



A worker sustained a contusion injury to the right hand while assisting another worker at a filing room head saw bench.

The worker placed his right hand on the back of the saw, as support. The saw was moving from left to right and as he bent over to check the level of the saw his right hand got caught between the head saw's sliver tooth and the bench's backstop.

The worker suffered a contusion to the their right hand which required 3 stitches.

The worker's ANSI Cut 5 gloves were not cut or punctured as a result of the incident. Note: cut-resistant arm protection was also worn and was not a contributing factor.

### Most Important Take Away:

All moving equipment and saws have the potential to cause significant injury. Pay close attention to hand placement whenever you are near operating equipment.

### Suggested Actions:

- Evaluate potential engineering solutions and guarding for identified pinch points at the benching stations.
- Revise the Benching JSA to highlight pinch point hazards.
- Communicate the incident to the filing room employees and emphasize pinch point awareness.
- Audit all equipment in the filing room for other potentially unidentified pinch points.
- A foot can save a hand, (**Amputation Zone** 0 to 6", **Caution Zone** 6 to 12", **Safe Zone** >12")!

Ask yourself "Can you complete the task with your hands in the **Safe Zone**"?



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