

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT**PINCHED FINGER AT GANG**

While sorting pieces at the Gang outfeed, a piece was crossed up traveling down the transfer. After attempting to straighten the piece unsuccessfully, the operator stopped the chains and used a picaroon to straighten it out as much as possible.

The operator then grabbed the piece on the downstream side and turned the chains back on, which caused his left thumb to get pinched between the board and railing.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Ensure procedures for straightening crossed up lumber does not allow the use of hands in or near moving equipment.
- Ensure the correct tools are available and equipment is stopped when using tools.
- Review hand placement with crews, with emphasis on predicting the worst case scenario.

IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Take time to pre-plan your actions during upset conditions. Plan for the worst but hope for the best.

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