

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Bandsaw Damaged Saw Removal

An employee grabbed hold of a twisted saw. He pulled it with two hands, however it was caught on a guard above him.

He used his right hand to unhook the saw from the guard and when it released, the bottom part of the twist then banged the back of his left hand against opposing saw's teeth.

Employee received stitches to forearm.



The foreground right saw is a new saw #3, and the saw being removed as #1 (saws to the left are #2 & #4) Filer was also located below the platform to the left.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Investigate why cants are getting stuck in the bandmill.
- Perform risk assessments prior to removing damaged saws.
- Change procedure to remove damaged saws prior to new saws being installed.
- Ensure appropriate PPE is worn including cut resistant air sleeves.

Important Take Away

Performing pre-work assessments prior to working in an upset condition can help to identify and mitigate significant risks.

