SAFETY ALERT

ASK YOURSELF "Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT:

Serious Near Miss-Piece of Edger Saw Ejected

A slab was caught between the guard and saw of the saw edger. While the edger shifted the saws to the next set; the saw was pushed against the slab causing the saw to break apart. The piece of saw exited the saw box through a gap in the guard, traveled through the wall of the sawmill landing onto the infeed chains of the sharp chain. There were no injuries.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

- Inspect all saw box enclosures to ensure that there are no gaps in the guarding and projectiles, or broken saws cannot leave the saw box.
- Perform a risk assessment on personnel access to hazardous areas (saw boxes, equipment outfeeds or potential projectile zones). Also consider basement areas.

Most Important Take Away:

Limit personnel access to hazardous projectile zones. This includes the risk of broken saws from equipment.

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