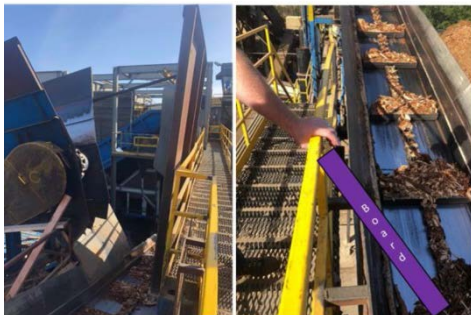


DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Pinched Finger While Feeding Hog

A new cleanup employee was feeding the hog. While looking up the conveyor to regulate the feed of scrap sticks and boards into the hog, a long board pinched their finger between it and the handrail. As the flight chains pushed the board forward, they were able to free their hand. While the employee had hands-on training, they did not go through full safety training for the task.

They sustained three lacerations on their right thumb.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

1. Provide close mentoring and training to all new employees. If they have not had full safety training for a task do not leave them alone.
2. Improve guarding to prevent inadvertent contact with boards or sticks while beside or under conveyors.
3. Consider performing a conveyor audit to determine all at risk areas in the mill. Play close attention to areas that continue to have boards or waste fiber falling from heights or onto walkways.

IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

All new employees need close mentoring and training until they have completed their safety training and have been assessed as competent.

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