

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

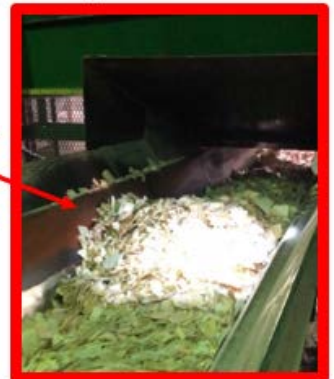
Serious Incident – Fracture –

In August 2020, a millwright noticed chips building up in the Chip Conveyor. The millwright thought a 2x4 block was holding up the chips so without stopping and locking out the equipment, the millwright used a 5' Bar to free up the jam-up while the conveyor was running. What was not identified was the block was in fact a hold down shoe for the drive chain. The bar came jammed in the hold down shoe and the moving chain causing the bar to pivot striking their forearm with the bar and side wall of conveyor causing a fracture.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Inform all crews to make them aware of the requirement for lock out, verification and a hazard assessment before attempting to use pry bars in conveyors.
- Develop and implement a pike pole and pry bar safety procedures.
- Inspect other areas in the mill with this potential risk that are not adequately guarded or identified.

What the Millwright observed



Where the pry bar got pinched

Most Important Take Away

Before attempting to use pry bars in conveyors, a lock out, verification and hazard assessment must be completed.

