

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Hogger Serious Incident

Workers detected smoke escaping from inside the hog. Access panels were removed to find the source of the smoke and extinguish any subsequent fire/hot spots.

A blockage was found inside, and workers attempted to clear the hog using a metal bar. During this process, fire temporarily engulfed a section of the area.

There were no injuries during this incident.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

1. During a potential fire situation, assess the area for combustibles (including combustible dust) before you attempt to clear a piece of equipment.
2. Ensure hogger areas are assessed for combustible dust on a regular basis to minimize accumulations.
3. Review emergency procedures to ensure there are clear instructions on addressing equipment fires.

Most Important Take Away

Ensure emergency procedures include clear instructions on how to address equipment fires.

