

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Serious Near Miss

In August 2020, a worker entered an electrical room through the door. Just after they entered the overhead removable panel fell to the floor narrowly missing the worker. The overhead removable panel weighs approximately 25 kgs. There were no injuries.



Removable panel after it fell

Removable panel latches.



Removable panel in place

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

1. Inspect all areas of the sawmill to identify overhead hazards.
2. Ensure that all overhead hazards are controlled with engineering controls.
3. For high-risk overhead hazards consider including these in the monthly JOHSC facilities inspection.

Most Important Take Away

Verify overhead re-movable panels are fully latched and in place. Consider including these on the monthly JOHSC monthly inspection.

