

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself  
“Could it happen here?”

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

The middle dunnage was missed in a load during the automatic cycle. Operator backed up the package into the strapper to replace the missed dunnage.

The strapper operator bent down and was manually positioning the dunnage (middle bunk) with his left hand. For his stability, his right hand was on top of the package.

Once the dunnage was placed in the track it blocked the photocell which triggered the strapper auto cycle. The plate dropped and pinched the workers fingers.

### Identified Hazards & Risks

- Worker entered “the bite” and did not lock out.
- Worker inserted dunnage with his hand instead of using the manual or automatic feeder.
- 12' middle bunk/strap did not register in bander program due to sequencing issues.
- Operator did not foresee the risk or assess the risk with a FLHA.

## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Investigate stacker to bander sequencing program and identify opportunities to rectify situations where package information is lost.
- Install remote disconnects with test start buttons near the bander machine.
- Review JSA/SWP to identify improvements in processes related to fixing upset conditions at the bander.



## Most Important Take Away

Consider installing a remote disconnect with test start buttons near the bander machine.

