

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Hoist Malfunction

Two employees were performing a saw change for the Headrig bandsaw using a hoist in the filing room. The hoist was lifted, and Employee #1 began pulling the saw cradle towards themselves. Employee #1 then heard a loud noise, stopped operating the hoist and took a step backwards out of precaution. The excess hoist chain fell out of the chain basket and landed on the floor near Employee #1. The incident was immediately reported, and the hoist was removed from service.



SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Ensure hoists are inspected before each use and report any deficiencies to supervisor immediately.
- Reminder to never stand directly under suspended loads. Stand to the side away from any possible hazards.
- Be aware of surroundings and make sure a clear exit path is available should a failure occur.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Always conduct a pre-use inspection of hoists and cranes prior to use and if any deficiencies are found tag out of service and report immediately to your supervisor.

