

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself  
*“Could it happen here?”*

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

During a scheduled bandsaw change on the 8” canter an employee proceeded to remove the saw from the wheel prior to the saw cradle being lowered into position.

The saw came off and fell into the conveyor below narrowly missing the worker. The worker wasn't injured but could have easily been struck and/or cut by the saw.

The saw change procedure requires the saw cradle be in position prior to employees entering the saw area.



## SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Install beacons to alert employees when an area is safe or un-safe to enter.
2. Install gate or barrier as a stop gap so that employees are forced and look to ensure area is safe to enter.
3. Ensure employees follow the company lockout procedure.
4. Have a supervisor conduct frequent inspections with workers regarding lockout and safe work procedures.

## MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Ensure workers follow all saw change safe work procedures and lockout when changing saws.

