

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 the wheel and fell into the conveyor below narrowly missing the employee. The employee was uninjured in this incident, but had circumstances been different, could have been struck and/or cut by the saw. The saw change procedure requires that the saw cradle be in position prior to personnel entering the saw area.



SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Install beacons to alert personnel when safe or un-safe to enter area.
2. Install gate or barrier as a stop gap so that employees are forced to look to ensure area is safe before entry.
3. Ensure workers follow company lockout procedure.
4. Have supervisor conduct frequent observation/assessments on workers regarding lockout and following safe work procedures.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

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

