

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Dropped Steel Wheel Incident

While performing maintenance work, a worker needed to manoeuvre a steel wheel. While rotating the wheel, the worker lost grip which caused the wheel to fall flat onto the deck, catching the curved tip of a pry bar that was lying on the deck. The pry bar catapulted upwards and struck the employee in the face. The worker suffered significant swelling and bruising. The worker was wearing a hard hat and safety glasses, which prevented a more serious injury.



SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Keep work areas clear of clutter.
2. Use lifting aids or seek assistance when maneuvering heavy objects.
3. Always wear PPE including eye and head protection.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Keeping work areas clear of clutter allows safe work to take place.

