

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

**Ask Yourself**  
*“Could it happen here?”*

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

A mechanic and machine operator were working together to re-attach a hydraulic cylinder to an excavator. The machine operator was holding the cylinder in place with a pry bar while the mechanic was trying to line up the eye of the cylinder and spacers to insert the pin. The mechanic put his fingers in the bite to realign the spacers when suddenly the pry bar slipped causing the cylinder to swing forward and crush his fingers.



## SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Never put yourself in the bite. Always be in a safe position in the event of sudden failure.
2. Make use of lifting devices to move and hold pieces in place.
3. Ensure all energy sources, including gravity are secure and locked out prior to doing the work.
4. Ensure safe work procedures are established for tasks that are completed regularly.

## MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

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