

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Conveyor Jam Up

An employee had just cleared a full length jam up at the strip station. The work required three different lockout points.

When the strips jammed again, the employee attempted to clear the jam up by reaching into the area with their right hand without performing the required lock out procedures.

The employee’s hand was caught up between the moving landing strip belt and the belt scraper resulting in a skin avulsion and possible tendon or nerve damage.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Supervisors to discuss with crews the importance of following lockout procedures regardless of a person’s emotional state.
- Investigate opportunities to reduce jam ups in the strip system.
- Perform a pre-job hazard assessment and/or lockout verification when putting yourself in the ‘bite’.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Always lockout when putting yourself in the bite. When frustrated step back and take time to rethink your actions during an upset condition.

