

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

A worker was in the process of cleaning in the Auxiliary Shaving Bin when an adjacent pile sloughed, engulfing the worker.

The worker had one arm free and was attempting to free themselves when a co-worker arrived and helped free the worker.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Assess worksites for similar potential engulfment / entrapment hazardous conditions.
- Conduct a hazard assessment and develop safe work procedures for all identified areas. If the engulfment hazard is located in a confined space, ensure that the hazard assessment is performed by a qualified person as defined in OHSR 9.11 (2).
- Take appropriate measures to control the risk of entrapment or engulfment and, if the risk is not eliminated, the worker uses a lifeline and harness of a type that will keep the worker in a position so as to be able to be rescued and is continuously tended by a standby person who is equipped for and capable of effecting immediate rescue.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Ensure no employee or contractor enters or remains in any place where there is a danger of entrapment or engulfment in loose materials or from other circumstances. If the engulfment hazard is located in a confined space, ensure that all applicable confined space safety procedures are followed.

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