

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
"Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Safeguarding - Falling Lumber from Conveyor

A cross-up occurred on an overhead belt causing boards to fall to the ground from an elevated height.

Guarding was installed to prevent lumber from falling off the conveyor but a gap near the transition was overlooked and a board got through the gap.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Ensure conveyor guarding is appropriate and covers all sides, 360 degrees.
- Complete a full site inspection to ensure conveyors do not have deficiencies.
- Complete test runs to verify conveyors are safe and running properly.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Perform a site audit of all conveyors to ensure that all belts are adequately enclosed and/or guarded to prevent lumber from escaping.

