

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
"Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

A cross-up occurred on an overhead belt causing boards to fall to the ground below. An employee had completed his forklift pre-trip and just entered his bobcat when this occurred. Guarding was installed to prevent lumber from coming out of the conveyor, but a gap near the transition was overlooked and a board found its way through the gap.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Ensure conveyor guarding is appropriate and covers all sides, 360 degrees.
- Complete site inspections to ensure there are no similar conveyor deficiencies.
- Complete test runs to verify conveyors are safe and running correctly.

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.

