

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself  
“Could it happen here?”

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### Water Activities - Working Alone Reposted from March 10, 2022

A close call occurred when an experienced Boom-man fell off a log and into the water.

The worker had sharp caulks on his boots, but the logs were slippery.

While falling he jumped towards a log bundle and was able to grab the end of a log and pull himself out of the water.

The worker was not wearing a Keyhole style or an Auto Inflate PFD.



## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Boom workers must not work alone when and where others would be unable to render immediate assistance.
- If working alone over water, Regulation (8.26 (1), 8.28 & 8.30) require workers to wear: *Keyhole Style or Auto Inflate PFDs with reflective material.*
- Review the Working on Water procedures to determine if there is a documented check-in procedure for working alone.
- Man Overboard Alerts which immediately send alarms to adjacent boats or land are available. For information on overboard safety alert systems search: [Alert 418 Man-Overboard Alarm System](#)

## MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Review the current Working on Water safe work procedures and Working Alone procedures to determine if at risk employees (working on water) are fully protected if they fall in the water.

Perform periodic observations on all shifts to ensure that employees that work on the water use the required PFD.

