

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
"Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Failure to Wear PPE

Reposted from September 8, 2022

A Planer Millwright was changing a ~200lb Planer Infeed Roll Assembly, due to restricted space they had to change their means of transport and rigging. While lowering the load, using a cable come-along, the locking mechanism failed to reengage allowing the load to free fall, the full force was transferred through the handle which struck the employee on the top of the head.

Because the employee was working in a small space, he didn't wear his hard hat and he suffered a 4cm laceration to the scalp.

Potential Hazards

- Failure to wear PPE
- Limited anchor points and rigging
- Using a cable come-along for lifting
- Limited workspace
- Failure to inspect tools



IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Review PPE requirements with all employees and proper use of lifting devices.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Investigate & trial alternative head protection for tight spaces
- Review PPE requirements with all employees
- Investigate alternative lifting system for the Planer in-feed area
- Review hoisting and rigging procedures with employee
- Review proper use of lifting devices
- Review tool inspections with employee

