

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Pinched Hand Injury Resulting in Medical Treatment

A worker sustained a contusion to their right hand while assisting another worker at a filing room head saw bench.

The worker placed their right hand on the back of the saw, as support. The saw was moving from left to right and as he bent over to check the level of the saw, his right hand got caught between the head saw’s sliver tooth and the bench’s backstop.

Although the worker’s ANSI Cut 5 gloves were not cut or punctured as a result of the incident, the worker’s right hand suffered a contusion and required 3 stitches. Note: cut-resistant arm protection was also worn and was not a contributing factor.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Evaluate potential engineering solutions and guarding for identified pinch points at benching stations.
- Revise the benching JSA to highlight pinch point hazards.
- Share the incident with the filing room employees to emphasize pinch point awareness.
- Audit all equipment in the filing room for other potential unidentified pinch points.
- A foot can save a hand, Amputation Zone 0 to 6”, Caution Zone 6 to 12”, 12” Safe Zone
- Ask yourself “**Can you complete the task with your hands in the Safe Zone?**”

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

All moving equipment and saws have the potential to cause significant injury.

Pay close attention to hand placement whenever you are near operating equipment.

