

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Hog - Clearing Bark from Hog Rotor

An employee was working on freeing bark debris that was caught in the Hog rotor. The employee used their hands to rotate the rotor in a back-and-forth direction to free the debris.

The weight of the rotor and its momentum over spun and caused the employee’s finger to get pinched between one of the rotor hammers and grate.

The incident resulted in a crushed finger requiring medical treatment.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Implement pre-work hazard assessment process for upset condition tasks.
- Avoid using hands to rotate rotors on equipment. Make tools available to rotate rotors.
- Develop safe work procedures for working around hog rotors that include pinning rotating equipment.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

When possible avoid using hands as tools.

