

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Fall from Height

A worker was cleaning the band mill area with compressed air. They were wearing a fall protection harness that was properly tied off with a Self-Retracting Lanyard (SRL).

The worker was wearing a hard hat that fell off into conveyor below. They untied from the SRL and climbed down approximately 8ft into the conveyor to retrieve their hard hat.

While attempting to climb back out, the worker slipped and fell approximately 6ft into the conveyor injuring the left side of their body on the steel structure. No serious injuries were sustained.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Use hard hat with straps when working at heights.
- Review BC OHSR 8.11 (4): Chin straps or other effective means of retention must be used on safety headgear when workers are climbing or working from a height exceeding 3 m (10 ft), or are exposed to high winds or other conditions that may cause loss of the headgear.
- Provide employees working at heights with additional education and Safe Work Procedure (SWP) training relating to working at heights and appropriate safety controls.

Worker was standing here when they slipped and fell to the conveyor.



Worker was performing cleanup during incident.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Use hard hat with chin straps when working at heights.

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