

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Recordable Injury - Hand Laceration

Two maintenance workers were in a storeroom conducting pre-job evaluations of sprinkler pipes that required replacing.

They needed a ladder to get up high enough to determine the approximate length of the pipes that extended from the planer into the storeroom. They used a step ladder that was leaning against the wall.

One of the maintenance workers climbed up to look for the connection point of the pipe coming from the planer. As they were looking at the pipe, they reached out to place their hand on the wall. They did not see or hear the circulation fan located above the shelving. The worker's hand connected with the fan causing lacerations to three fingers. They were taken to hospital for treatment.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Set higher expectations for hazard recognition.
- FLHRA must be completed for all tasks.
- Implement “gate to gate” glove policy.
- Share the incident with all employees.
- Perform hazard inspections of operating fans and heaters and review ladder safety training with employees.



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

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