

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself  
"Could it happen here?"

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### Serious Finger Injury

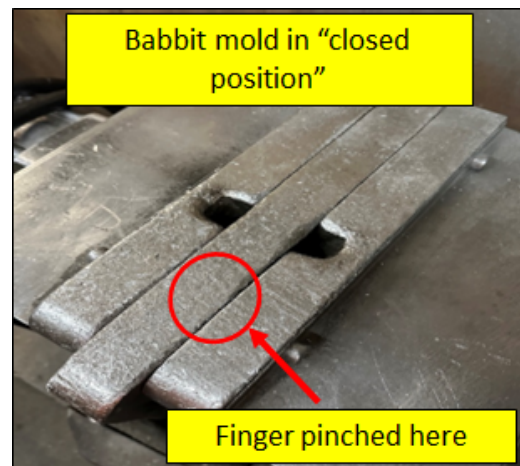
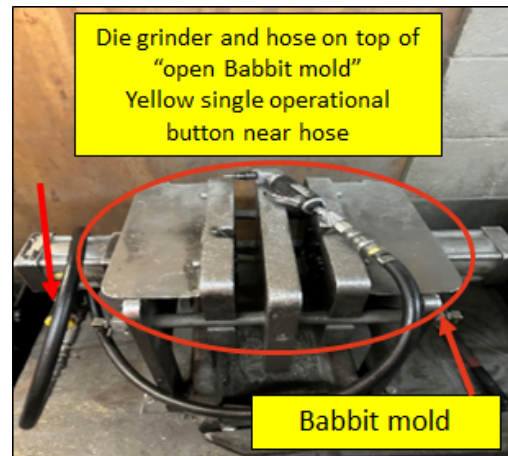
An incident occurred when a Saw Shop employee was using a Babbit mold to build plates. The employee has positioned a die grinder on top of the open Babbit mold while conducting the task.

When the employee placed a hand on top of the Babbit mold and reached for the die grinder with the other hand, the die grinder's air hose inadvertently bumped the Babbit mold's activation button triggering it to close on the employee's finger.

The employee sustained a hairline fingertip fracture and required four stitches to close the wound.

## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Have two hand operational controls on a Babbit mold.
- Conduct and review Hazard Assessment and complete SWP's for all Saw Shop tasks.
- Review room design to ensure minimal movement with Babbit material.
- Review PPE for handling a Babbit mold.
- Eliminate the use of die grinder and consider alternate options to complete required grinding tasks.



## MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Review PPE for handling a Babbit mold.

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