

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Struck by / Lockout Violation

While standing on a motor mount, an operator was using a pike pole to try and remove a log from a debarker infeed belt. The equipment was not locked out and was still energized.

When the operator pulled back on the log, the equipment activated and the operator was struck by the log. They fell but were not injured.

The incident was reported and the operator was assessed by first aid.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Always perform proper lockout procedures before accessing restricted areas.
- Only use designated catwalks or platforms.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Don't rush into an upset condition just to get the mill back up and running.

Always take time to assess the situation, identify potential hazards, communicate with your supervisor and perform proper lockout procedures before accessing equipment.

