

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

**Ask Yourself**  
*"Could it happen here?"*

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### **Lock out Violation - Hairline Fracture of the Fingertip**

With 30 minutes left in a 12-hour shift, a flying saw operator at the layup line sustained a crushing injury to the tip of their right ring finger.

The incident occurred when the operator reached into the infeed opening of the Flying Saw - a designated lockout area - to clear debris. Unexpectedly, the clamp activated and came down on their finger while their hand was inside.

The operator immediately activated the fire horn to call for help and was found by the shift supervisor. First aid was administered to control bleeding and stabilize the injury. The operator was then taken to the emergency room for further treatment.



## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Always follow your company's lockout policy.
- Hold stand-down meetings and toolbox safety meetings with all crews to reinforce safe work practices.
- Discuss installing curtain lights that will automatically stop the line when it detects any objects larger than a panel or typical debris entering the dust containment box.

## MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

**Consider updating Safe Work Procedures to include a section that addresses the increased risk of injuries due to worker fatigue.**

