

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

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

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### **Over Under / Serious Near Miss (SIFp)**

During maintenance work on the reversion section at Plant 2, a contractor was removing a section of flat bar from an expansion joint. Instead of laying the flat bar (2" x 6') down on the catwalk, it was leaned against the furnace.

The contractor accidentally kicked the bar and it fell about 80 feet through the grating landing on the deck of a truck parked below.

Fortunately, there were no injuries and no damage to the vehicle.



## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Immediately stop all work in the area and conduct a safety stand-down meeting to review the incident.
- Secure materials in the elevated work area.
- Gather information for investigation.
- Mark off the area and restrict access before to restarting work.
- Consider joining the Canadian DROPS Chapter to engage in on-going efforts to prevent dropped objects incidents.

### **Canadian DROPS Chapter**



<https://www.dropsonline.org/about/drops-canada-chater/>

**MAG**  
Manufacturing Advisory Group



**BC Forest Safety**

## MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

**Consider adding specific checks to your FLHA for working at heights including exclusion zones and potential risks relating to dropping tools, parts and equipment.**

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