

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
"Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Near Miss - Falling Material (SIFp)

A cable on the sawmill drop bin broke, causing the right (east) side of the cradle to collapse and spill an almost full lift of two-by-six 16' lumber onto the ground-level walkway.

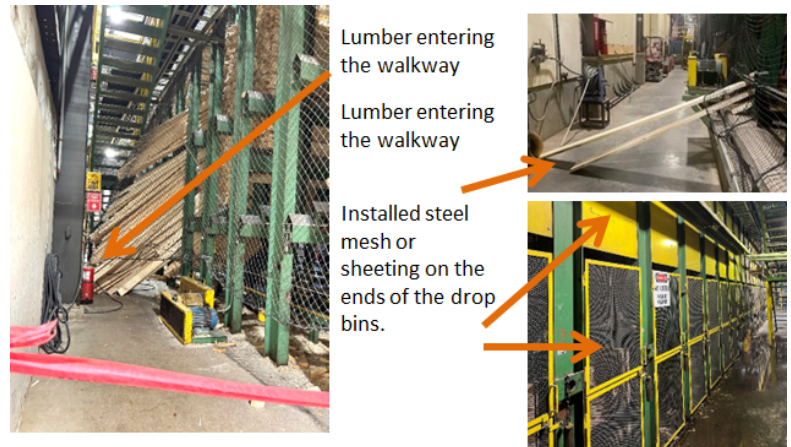
Although netting was in place to prevent lumber from spilling, it failed to stop the material from falling into the walkway.

Fortunately, no one was in the area at the time, and the bin was not being manually operated by an attendant.

Typically, a netting system had been sufficient to contain any misaligned lumber, but in this case, it did not perform as expected.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Conduct a High-Risk Hazard Assessment (HRHA) for the removal of askew lumber.
- Restrict access to ground-level areas near sawmill and planer drop bins while sorters are operating.
- Perform a full incident investigation to identify root causes and contributing factors.
- Review with your crews and explore improved guarding solutions.



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Inspect drop bins to ensure guarding is adequate to contain lumber if an upset condition occurs like an unexpected event or equipment malfunction.

