

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

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

## **DESCRIPTION OF EVENT**

### **Injury to Right Thigh and Elbow**

While performing routine blowdown duties in a canter bandsaw area, an employee stepped into an opening in the floor. They sustained injuries to their right thigh and elbow.

Over the following week, the employee experienced increasing pain, which led to physical limitations and ultimately prevented them from continuing to work.

This resulted in a Lost Time incident.

## **SUGGESTED ACTIONS**

- Reduce or eliminate the floor gap in the opening to prevent similar incidents. Assess and modify the plates on the side of the bands to ensure similar hazards are also addressed.
- Review the incident with all crews to raise awareness, reinforce the importance of situational awareness, and communicate the risk of incidents caused by complacency.
- Evaluate alternative blowdown respirator mask designs that offer improved peripheral vision for enhanced safety.



## **MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY**

Complacency can lead to serious injuries. It is important to communicate the risks and remind everyone that staying alert, aware and proactive is the key to preventing similar incidents.

