

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
"Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Struck-by a Pike Pole

A relief operator was manning the mis-sort table when they placed the pike pole they were using across the mis-sort table. As lumber came in from the infeed, a board struck the pike pole causing the pole to strike the operator in the face.

The operator received a cut on the top of their ear and a bruise on the right side of their face.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- When in use, keep pike poles in hand and under control.
- When not in use, secure pike poles safely in their holders.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Never put yourself or co-workers in the line of fire.

Take a moment to assess any potential risks and make sure adjustments, including proper body posture and pike pole placement, are thoroughly checked so everyone in the area can work safely.

Pike poles should be kept under control when in use. If you need to set the pole down, place it securely in the holder.

