

FATALITY ALERT

- PRELIMINARY INFORMATION -

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On January 27th, a worker was fatally injured while he was doing maintenance on a small sawmill in Lumby, BC.

Our condolences go out to the family and co-workers of the deceased.

WorkSafeBC, the RCMP and the Coroners Service are investigating this incident.

Although it has not been confirmed if this is a direct manufacturing fatality and while the details of this incident are still unknown, please review the following safety information:

- 1) Locking out equipment prior to maintenance activities is critical. Develop lock out procedures and train all workers on how to implement them.
- 2) Guarding must be in place where there is potential for a worker to get injured by moving machinery. Inspect your operations regularly to ensure guarding is in place and install guarding upgrades where needed.
- 3) Be aware that loose clothing, jewellery, hair or other items can be caught and drawn into moving equipment. Provide workers with standards for acceptable clothing, hair and jewellery.
- 4) Work conditions change constantly; do a hazard assessment before starting any job. Ask yourself "What could go wrong here?" and take corrective action when required. Don't become complacent.

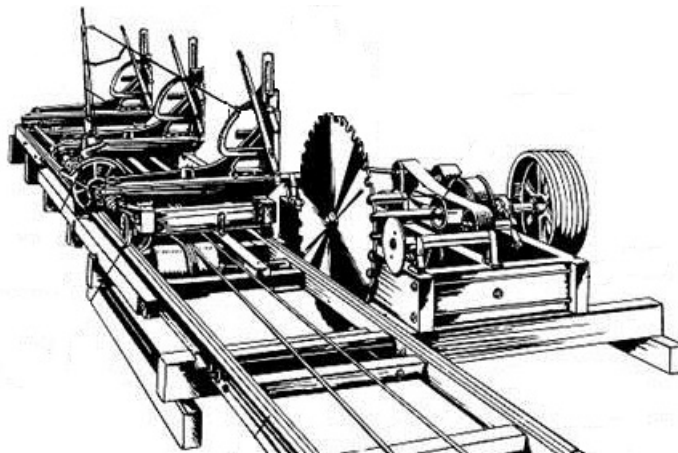


Illustration of a mill similar to the one in this incident.