

HAZARD ALERT

Forestry Operations



Iverson Forest Management Inc.
Forest Engineering, Standing Stem, Fire Protection



Forestry Engineer suffers fractured skull

Location: West Jordan Main FSR (Shawnigan Lake area)

Date: October 31, 2018

Details of Serious Incident: A Forestry Engineer was pulling ribbon on a hillside; the terrain was mostly mossy, open ground, between trees. The Engineer was traversing the hill and took a step downward, causing a dead stick 5mm in diameter to stand straight up, it was below the sight line and easily not seen.

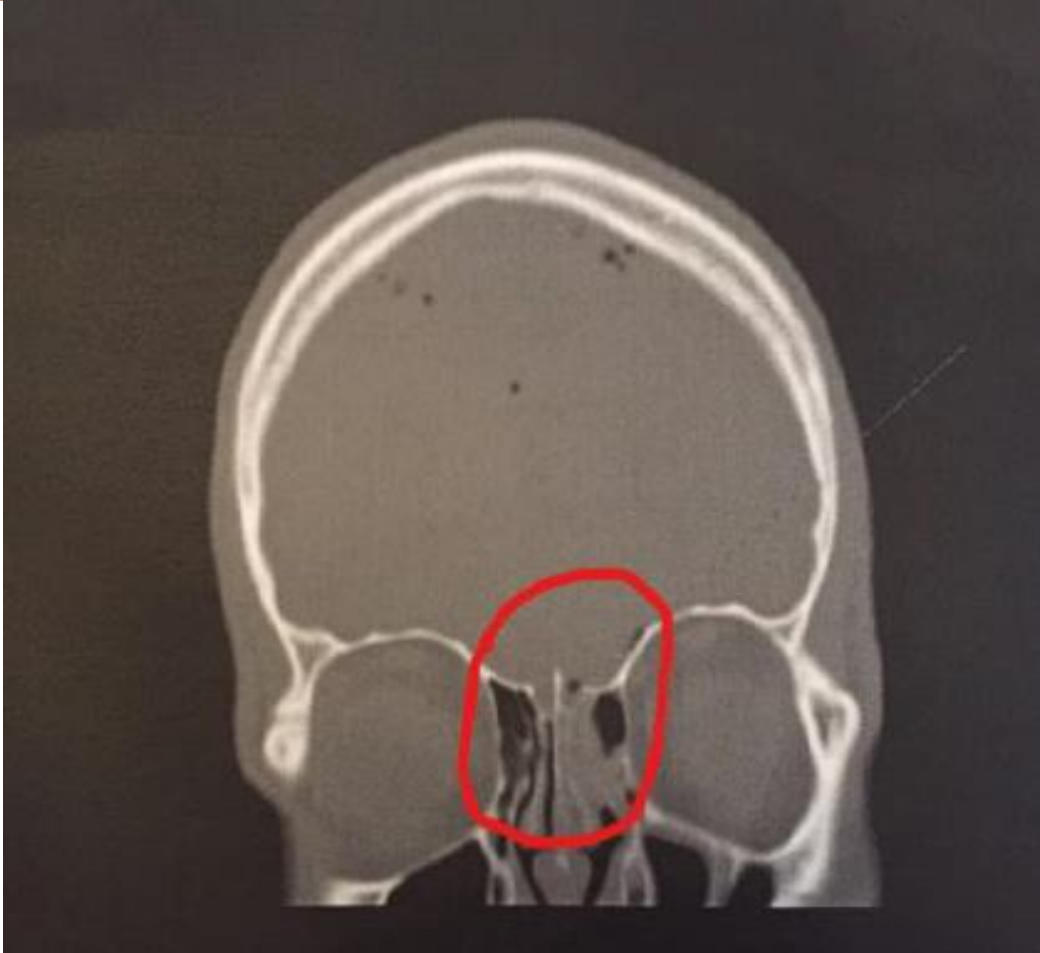
The Engineer followed through with his step and the stick went right up his nose and broke off (see photos on page 2).

The stick penetrated through the cribriform plate causing a skull fracture and cerebral spinal fluid to leak out.

Learnings & Suggestions:

- Always be aware of surroundings, even in easy terrain.
- Do not remove penetrating objects. Leave them in place and seek medical assistance.

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