

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Cut-By

While performing preventative maintenance (PM) work on a canter-quad chip head, a maintenance worker was attempting to attach a dial indicator to measure bearing deflection when they slipped on a narrow bed plate. The employee suffered a deep laceration on their left knee.

The incident happened on the second day of PM tasks. Safety procedures including a lockout verification and FLHA (Field Level Hazard Assessment) were properly conducted on the first day but only a lockout verification was completed on the second day. The new required FLHA was not completed.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Before completing work around chipping heads or similar equipment, remove knives or cutting tools.
- Where knives cannot be removed, use covers to safeguard the blades to reduce cut-by hazards.
- All crew members should be reminded that when starting new tasks, if the scope of work changes or job tasks carry over into a new day, a reassessment of hazards and an FLHA must be completed.



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MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Consider using covers on chipping heads to protect yourself during PM work.

