

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Emergency Access

As part of the North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH), an emergency medical drill was conducted for the graveyard crew.

The drill scenario had a worker found lying on the floor in the stores/warehouse.

During the drill, the emergency system was deliberately activated and the emergency response team quickly mobilized. When they reached the stores/warehouse, they couldn't access the building due to a fob-secure door lock system designed to prevent unauthorized entry during the off hours.

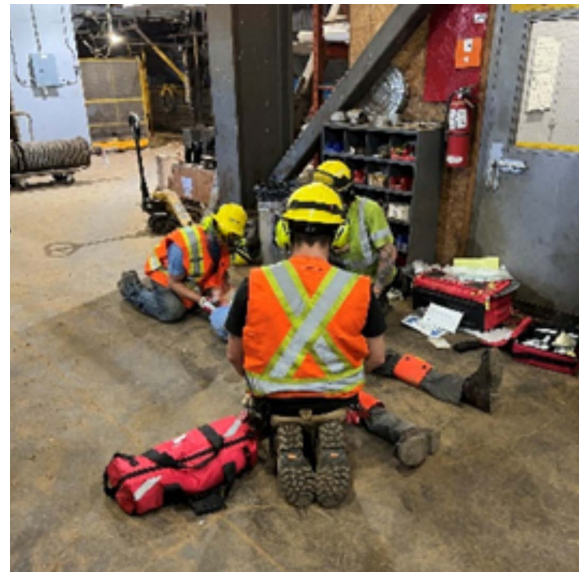
A passing electrician with authorized access used their fob to let them in.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

Review the current ERP's to ensure that an “emergency mode” for the fob door lock system is addressed.

Consider the following in these discussions:

- **Automatic Override:** Configure the fob door lock system to automatically switch into emergency mode if an emergency alarm is triggered (such as a fire alarm or medical emergency).
- **Secured Doors:** In emergency mode, secured doors could be programmed to automatically unlock, allowing authorized personnel, including emergency response teams, to enter.
- **System Integration:** Include your security system infrastructure into existing emergency response protocols to ensure a seamless process.



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Remember in emergency situations, prompt access to the incident site is critical for treating injured individuals and saving lives.

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