

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Hand Injury

An employee was attempting to clear a jam in a waste conveyor using a three-foot pike pole.

They were working against the flow when debris from the tilt-hoist conveyor unexpectedly released, pressing against on the tip of the pike pole and pushing it into the waste conveyor.

The employee's left hand got wedged between the end of the pike pole and the upper part of the conveyor resulting in a severe laceration to the worker's left middle finger which required multiple stitches.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Evaluate procedures and conduct a gap analysis for unjamming conveyors.
- Conduct a safety meeting to address identified gaps.
- Review correct techniques for unjamming conveyor procedures with relevant employees.
- Monitor operations regularly to ensure practices align with established procedures.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

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