

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

**Ask Yourself**  
*“Could it happen here?”*

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### Struck By

Pikes poles are commonly used in wood products manufacturing but are often used improperly. The misuse of these tools has been a contributing factor in minor injuries and close call incidents.

Alarming, there has been a rising trend of serious and even fatal injuries involving pike poles.



## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Do not use pike poles near active equipment and machinery.
- Choose the right length to ensure the pike pole is easy to handle and maneuver for the task at hand.
- Keep a safe distance from people, equipment and structures.
- Follow ergonomic practices to maintain stability and balance.
- Prevent tripping hazards by storing pike pole properly and keeping walkways and catwalks clear of debris.

## MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Always prioritize safety for yourself and others. Take time to assess the risks, check clearances and choose the right tool that will allow you to work safely.

