

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Forklift Brake Failure

A planer infeed forklift operator, was bringing sticks over to the sawmill to load into the stick system. When they pushed the brakes to stop and put down the load, the brakes did not engage and the forklift contacted the staircase (located in pedestrian walkway).

Upon investigation, significant contamination was found in the hydraulic oil for the braking system. When investigating the system further, a seal in the reservoir was found to be punctured which is believed to be the cause of the contamination.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Remove the equipment from service and begin an investigation.
- Inspect the braking system for possible contaminated oil and a punctured seal.
- Review risk of pedestrian walkways located near mobile equipment.
- Perform inspections on all units with the same braking system.
- Inspect hydraulic oil reservoirs at every 250 hours of service.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Remember to inspect hydraulic oil reservoirs at every 250 hours of service.

