

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

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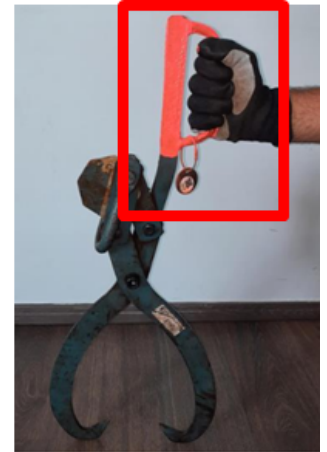
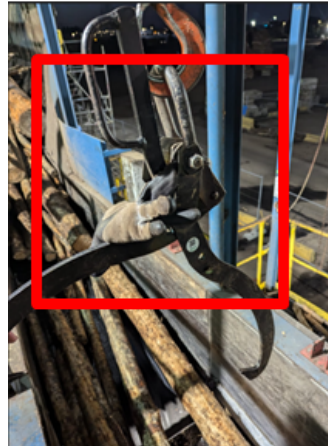
## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### Serious Hand Injury

An employee sustained a serious hand injury while attempting to clear a blockage near the pin rollers behind the debarker.

They were using the standard method of hoisting logs while repositioning the wood clamp and tensioning the chain.

They placed their left hand in the hinge point of the wood clamp, instead of on the designated bracket. This led to the tip of the employee's left middle finger getting trapped between the tensioned hinge point causing amputation to the finger tip.



## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Hold a Toolbox meeting to discuss incident.
- Inspect all wood clamps to ensure they have a hand bracket as illustrated.
- Review the SWP to ensure this type of equipment has documented SWPs.
- Spray wood clamp bracket in fluorescent orange.

## MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Remind employees to keep their hands and fingers out of the bite.

Always use the provided safety brackets.

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