

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Laceration and Fracture/Serious Injury

A lab technician suffered a serious injury while closing the lid on a steamer containing product samples for quality control.

The heavy lid dropped on their left-hand ring finger causing a laceration that required three stitches and fracturing their fingertip.

The worker was immediately taken to the nearest hospital for treatment.



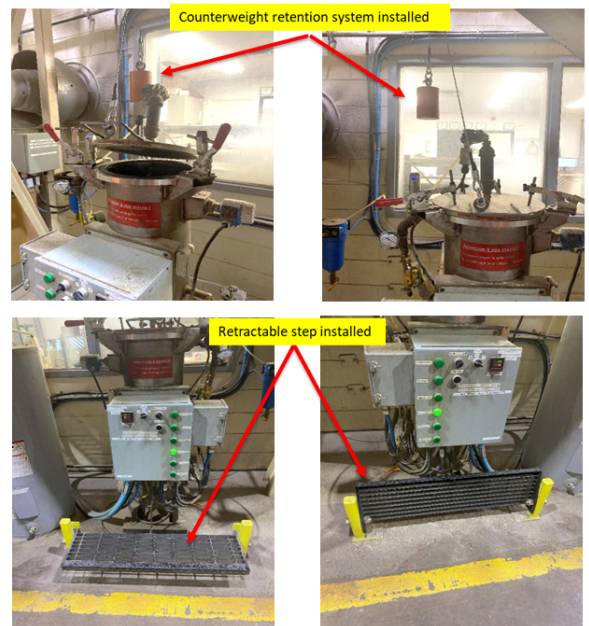
SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Share incident with all site workers.
- Install a small, retractable step at the front of the equipment more ergonomic and reachable access to the steamer lid for workers of all heights.
- Add a counterweight retention system for the lid.

MAG
Manufacturing Advisory Group



CHANGES MADE



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Be aware of your ergonomic proximity to equipment.

Inform your supervisor if you feel the distance is too far to reach safely or if operating it feels awkward or unsafe.

BCFSC welcomes all incident or near-miss submissions. To protect your privacy, we will review and remove all identifying information.

To share an incident or to subscribe to the Safety Alert of the Week, visit: www.bcfestsafe.org/safety-alerts/

Scan the QR Code with your mobile device's camera to access this alert.

