

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself  
“Could it happen here?”

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### Musculoskeletal (MSI) Injury

An employee was replacing rolls and tubes in a veneer dryer after clearing a blockage.

While positioning a roll into a bushing, they slipped, straining their back, which caused them to drop the roll.

The employee managed to free themselves from the dryer and received first aid before being transported to the hospital via ambulance, where they were diagnosed with a muscle strain.

The pre-work hazard assessment identified slips, trips, falls, awkward body positioning, and two-person lifts as contributing factors. Additionally, pry-bars were available but not used, and the constrained working area made it difficult to have a second person assist in securing the ends of the rolls or tubes.

## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Stretch/warm-up before tasks
- Use tools/lifting devices when possible
- Take micro breaks as needed



## MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

MSI injuries can happen to anyone at any time.

Always take a moment to stretch and warm up before and during your shift.

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