

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 8/17/2018

The Incident

While an associate was using a band saw, the pipe shifted causing the saw blade to bind. The associate tried removing the pipe which caused the blade to walk off the drive wheels and exposed the teeth from the protected area. As the associate tried to grab the pipe, the blade was still in motion and the teeth cut his hand.

The Causes

- The associate did not have two hands on the saw while it was in operation.
- Band saw design lacks a guard protecting area.
- Pre-task plan identified tools as hazards, but proper control measures were not discussed.

Prevent It

- Communicate all hazards and discuss past experiences with crews before starting work.
- During training discuss which tools require using both hands.

Action Plan

- Stand down with crew to discuss incident and how it could have been prevented.
- When task doesn't go as planned, 'Take Two for Safety' and reevaluate how to complete task safely.

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Your health and safety are the most important part of every project. We need *your* help to eliminate unsafe behaviors and conditions. If you see a safer and better way to do a task, see your supervisor, or contact GEM Safety: Bill Cornett – 419-720-2728. To get personal protection equipment from the warehouse, call 419-720-2688.

