

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Strapper Head Operation

A worker was training a worker on the strapper. They had an incomplete package and had decided to bridge the top. The trainer walked away from the control panel to bridge the pack and the trainee remained at the control panel. The trainee decided to lower the bumper press to prepare it for the next step after being bridged, but a few boards were in the way of the press and when it came down, it levered the front of the boards up into the face of the trainer. The trainer received a laceration to the face and had to be referred to medical aid for stitches.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

1. Always maintain visual contact with machinery you are controlling.
2. When training, infrequent training time may mean that you need to slow down and assess the consequences of every action.
3. If available, when accessing a potentially dangerous area, immobilize machinery via a 'dead man switch'; or lock out an area to ensure hazards have been safely mitigated.
4. SWPs should be reviewed regularly, so that training and safety information is up to date.
5. When training, communicate everything you are doing, as well as the hazards associated with each task you are performing.

IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

As a trainer never assume the trainee is aware of your actions. Lockout when you are in the bite.

