

HAZARD ALERT

Removing log jams

Ensure cutting heads come to a complete stop

A newsaw operator had his right forearm medically amputated after suffering severe cuts and fractures. A jammed log had stalled the drive motor and automatically shut off power to the saw. Unfortunately, the braking system of this saw does not work during power outages or when the drive motor stalls. The operator removed a portion of the guarding system where he could see only the one cutting head that had stopped because of the jammed log. There was no sensor to indicate if all cutting heads had come to a complete stop. When the worker reached in to remove the jammed log, his right hand was caught in one of the cutting heads that was still rotating and coasting to a stop.

Safe work practices:

- Ensure equipment has a device to indicate if all rotating heads have stopped.
- Develop specific lockout procedures for all machinery.
- Ensure workers are properly educated and trained in lockout procedures.
- Perform audits of lockout procedures and of the education and training program.

*Rotating cutting head that
could not be seen by worker*



Language shouldn't be a barrier to safety

This poster was prepared for you and your workers. It is important that your workers receive the safety message that is contained in this poster. If your workers are unable to read English, we would appreciate it if you would translate, or have translated, this important message into a language they can understand. Thank you.