



SAFETY ALERT # 1



Week of July 11, 2005

In the interest of keeping everyone safe CAM Safety will be sharing injury information with preliminary root cause analysis. This information is intended to make you think not assess blame. If you have an incident that you would like to share send us the information and we will pass it along.

What Happened

In an incident that occurred late last week a worker broke and may loose two fingers on the same hand when a fellow employee restarted the machine he was repairing. The problem here is quite simple; the injured worker did not lock out the machine and when his fellow worker came up to the controls he saw no reason not to turn everything back on. These employees have received lock-out/tag-out training, however.....

Best Practices

Although not one of the most commonly cited violations Lock-out/Tag-out issues have lead to some of the most serious injuries in our industry. Machines, regardless of their size or function have no conscience. When someone tells them to go – they go. The human body offers little resistance to the kinetic energy generated by even small machines. The only sure-fire way to keep workers safe during routine maintenance, installation or repair is to isolate the energy (all types) and lock it out. Make sure your employees are trained in this procedure, have the proper equipment available to them and apply what you have taught them. In the case above they had the first two.

Applicable Standard

MICHIGAN

MIOSHA Part 85 – The Control of Hazardous Energy Sources

FEDERAL

1910.147 Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout).

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