

Western Forest Products Hazard Alert

Date of Incident: January 21, 2011

Site: Chemainus Sawmill

Hazard Alert # 2011 -3

Incident : **Filer cut back of hand on chain grinding wheel**

Description:

Picture # 1

Filer was showing head filer raker height on chain saw chain. The chain was in the chain saw sharpening jig (used to sharpen chains) At the time of the incident the grinding wheel was running and as he removed the raker measurement bar his right hand 3rd knuckle came in contact with the wheel

Picture #2

Filer fabricated guard bar that prevents hand contact with wheel

Upset Conditions:

1. Filers attention was momentarily moved from task at hand to discussion / explanation with fellow filer

Note: Filer was wearing cut resistant gloves that saved him from receiving a more serious injury.



Learning and Suggestions:

1. Review / observe hand placement of people doing chain saw sharpening with this type of equipment and ensure finger, hand and arm safety in doing the task.
2. Review chain saw sharpening tool guarding – can we make it safer?
3. If you see a worker performing a task that if disturbed may put them at risk – wait till safe to talk to them

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