

# HAZARD ALERT

## INTERNAL INJURIES FROM EJECTED LUMBER LEAD TO FATALITY



*A sawmill superintendent was struck by a piece of lumber while standing at the end of a re-saw line.*

*The mill superintendent was examining the wood coming out of the re-saw when a 4.9 m (16 feet) piece of lumber jammed in the machine.*

*The piece of lumber suddenly flew out, striking the man in the abdomen and knocking him back 1.5 m (5 feet). He got back up, assured those around him that he was fine, and returned to his office.*

*He went home early that evening but later that night was admitted to hospital for emergency surgery where he died from his injuries.*

### Recommended Preventive Action

- Provide adequate guarding along conveyors from edger to re-saw and at any location beyond, where any employees work or travel.
- Ensure that someone trained in first aid is readily available to assess employees who are injured.
- Even if employees say they are fine, they must be transported immediately to a hospital for further examination following any traumatic blows.