

NZ Safety Alert

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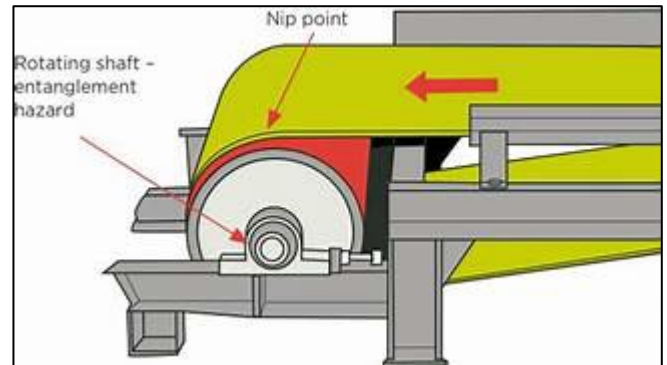
Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

Worker injured when caught in conveyor

A worker was seriously injured when caught in a conveyor that he and another worker were conducting maintenance on.

While the incident is still under investigation, it would appear that the conveyor was running while the maintenance was being conducted and guards were not covering nip points.

The worker was transported by helicopter to hospital in a critical condition.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 6% of incidents (345 incidents) involve entanglement, of which 66 involved people caught in plant.

You need to ensure that:

1. All nip points are adequately guarded to ensure no-one can access the nip point.
2. Guards are designed and installed such that maintenance can be conducted without the need to remove the guard if plant is not isolated.
3. Checks are conducted to ensure all guards are fitted before plant is started, particularly after maintenance.

Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.