



SAFETY ALERT!!!
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FAILURE TO LOCK-OUT!

An employee was injured in the Stick Machine/Vacuum at a member gin yesterday. **The root cause of the accident was failure to follow lock-out procedures.**

This is what we know: The gin had choked the Vacuum/Stick Machine and employees proceeded to un-choke the machines. The employee reached in to clean the vacuum out and got his arm into the doffer.

The injured employee **was a full time employee!**

If the Stick Machine and Vacuum had been Locked Out at the power source before employees went to un-choke the accident would have never happened!!!

TAKE A MINUTE TO IMPRESS ON ALL OF YOUR EMPLOYEES THE IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING STRICT LOCK-OUT PROCEDURE!

THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS THERE HAVE BEEN ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN SERIOUS INJURY DUE TO FAILURE TO LOCK OUT!

The power to electrically powered equipment should be disconnected and the **disconnect locked** in the "off" position until all work is completed.

The power to hydraulic pumps should be disconnected and **locked-out** before working on hydraulically powered equipment.

The power to equipment powered by air pressure should be **locked-out**, or valves closed and locked, and the pressure bled off before working on that equipment.

Provide restraint for equipment that will lower or fall by the force of gravity.

REMIND HANDS TO REVIEW AND FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES TO LOCK-OUT WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE POWER SOURCE OF THE EQUIPMENT!