



Zero Fatalities
 Zero Lost Time
 Zero Road/Speed Incidents
 Zero Environmental Incidents
 Zero Tolerance of Unsafe Behaviours & Practices



PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 5

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| Date: 14 February 2019 | Focus Group: Maintenance Workers |
| Topic: Routine Maintenance – Felling Head | Issued by: Nic Steens |

Incident: A felling machine operator was replacing the saw chain on the felling head. Following adjustments, he got up to walk away and hit the chain causing a laceration.

Injury Details: Clean laceration to the lower right-hand calf, which was treated at the hospital with antibiotics and 11 stitches – MTI.

Risk Awareness: Conducting maintenance on a felling head presents multiple risks of laceration with sharp edges on the saw chain, delimiting knives and the feed rollers.

Safe Behaviour: Covering sharp edges is recommended in most cases, however, this is not always practical or possible. In such cases, what can we do to improve our safety? Our data/research points to 3 common factors that have contributed to maintenance incidents. These are: (1) inadequate planning and hazard assessment, (2) Poor housekeeping – making for a congested work-space e.g. tools left out to trip over, and (3) hurrying to finish the work. Please address these 3 factors with suitable controls.

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2. I have placed this safety alert on the site notice board or in the safety file

Site Manager: _____ **Date:** / /
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