

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Scaffolding Pin Dislodged (SIF)

Inside the Digester, some scaffolding came loose. The trades in the area evacuated for safety.

Upon inspection by the scaffolding company's safety personnel and the Digester foreperson, they found a 42-inch adjustable hanging bracket had dislodged from the standard rosette and ledger head, leaving the ledger and decks unsupported. There were no other scaffold components found below, but some cords, hoses and tools were found wrapped around scaffold parts.

Prior to the job, the scaffolds were inspected twice daily, at the beginning and end of each shift, with no prior issues or modifications reported.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Inspect and repair loose components.
- Conduct a full inspection and check all wedges/pins.
- Develop a Safety Bulletin and distribute it to employees.
- Inform all contractors that cords, cables, tools, etc., should not be attached to ledger heads or pins.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Notify all contractors and employees using scaffolding that cords, cables, tools and equipment must NOT be attached to ledger heads or pins.

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