

Meadowbrook/TPA Safety Announcement

Preventing Table Saw Injuries

The Self Insured Lumber Businesses Association, Inc. (SILBA) group has experienced three preventable accidents recently while employees were using table saws.

In two instances, the saws were guarded. In the third case, the guard had been removed in the past and was not re-installed. In two cases, the employees reached behind the blade to pull the pieces of wood through. In the third case the employee pushed the wood through, without using a push stick.

Statistics have shown that "Unsafe acts" are responsible for a large percentage of all injuries. The same holds true for these injuries. In all cases, the employees were not paying attention, and appeared to fail to follow established safety procedures. Preventive Measures include:

- Installation of blade guards
- Use of push sticks
- Retraining in correct safe operation of saws
- Give consideration to replacing existing table saws with newer SAW-STOP saws. For additional information, visit www.sawstop.com. The website also gives links to distributors by state. If the saw prevents even one injury from occurring, it will have easily paid for itself.

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