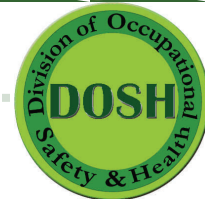


## Injury Fact Sheet



## Struck by injuries in Plywood & Veneer Manufacturing

Nearly 150 workers were seriously injured in struck by injuries in the years 2000-2004



Clipping in veneer manufacturing

The injuries from these accidents were so serious, the workers had to take time off from work to recover, or in some cases, were permanently disabled. These serious injuries are costly and affect your industrial insurance premiums. They contribute to the reason for the average base rate of \$1.41 per hour per employee paid by plywood & veneer manufacturing employees in 2006. If your company has a higher than average number of injuries (claims), your “experience rating” could increase by as much as 25% in one year to \$1.75 per hour per employee.

### Causes or sources of injury



There is a wide range of struck by injuries in plywood & veneer manufacturing work. More common are those injuries where the worker is struck by a power or hand tool or metal or wood product, including logs. Struck by injuries account for nearly 30% of all serious injuries among plywood & veneer manufacturing workers.

### Ways to prevent injuries

Use appropriate personal protective equipment

Use machines properly and with proper safeguards

- To be effective, a guard should prevent employees from contacting the dangerous parts of the machines, and it should be secure
- Make sure that guards are in working order and that they are appropriate and practical for the machinery
- Train workers on machine use and allow only trained and authorized workers to operate and maintain the equipment.
- Frequently inspect equipment and guards
- Use equipment only when guards are in place and in working order.
- Provide regular preventive maintenance.