

**Urgent Attention:  
Safety Officers  
OHS Representatives**

**INDUSTRY FLASH**

***Auto Stacking Fatality***

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2008 an employee of Carter Holt Harvey, Morwell was clearing a blockage on an auto stacking machine when the timber fell on top of the worker, causing fatal injuries. The worker was killed instantly.

WorkSafe Victoria is conducting investigations into the incident. On Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2008 they issued a plant specific **Prohibition Notice**. The company's maintenance and engineering staff, in conjunction with WorkSafe Victoria, are working to introduce measures to enable the Prohibition Notice to be removed and a start-up of the Auto Stacker.

Once WorkSafe Victoria have completed their preliminary investigations and agreed to the introduction of controls to eliminate or reduce the risk we will provide additional information regarding this incident.

Please remember, once the control measures have been implemented it is likely that WorkSafe Victoria will regard this as the **current state of knowledge** regarding automatic stacking plant and we would anticipate these controls becoming a minimum industry standard. WorkSafe may also conduct ongoing audits of similar plant across the sawmilling industry in coming months.

For further information on this incident please contact:

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