

HEALTH & SAFETY AWARENESS

ELECTRICAL SHOCKS

There has been a series of electrical shock events over the last few months at the mill site. One event we would like to raise with you is an electric shock received by a truck driver using the gantry control. The electrical controller was replaced. If you notice any signs of damage to the casing, please report this to the Distribution team.

When dealing with anything electrical make sure you check the equipment before hitting the power switch, always wear the appropriate PPE for the job at hand.

Best Electrical Safety Tips for Home Owners:

- **Regularly check all your outlets.**
 - Overloaded outlets are the main cause of electrical fires.
- **Have a professional repair your electrical appliances.**
- **Never touch electrical appliances with wet hands.**
- **Wear shoes while using power tools.**
 - You should also wear safety eyewear, earplugs and gloves to keep your body protected from dangers posed by your favourite powertools.
- **Invest in tamper resistant receptacles.**
 - If you have kids you know they love sticking things into electrical outlets. This is a dangerous game that could lead to shocks and even fires so you need TR receptacles.
- **Make sure your lights are stable.**
 - When you turn a light on, watch closely to make sure they do not flick or turn-off without reason. Loose or broken wires are the main cause of real fire dangers.
- **Never use water to douse electrical fires.**
 - Electricity feeds on water. Use a fire retardant chemical extinguisher.
- **Read the warning signs.**
 - Warm outlets, burning smells, loose outlets are a sign that something dangerous is cooking. Call in an expert immediately.
- **Three pronged plugs are the best.**
 - Two prong don't connect properly to a grounded outlet.

