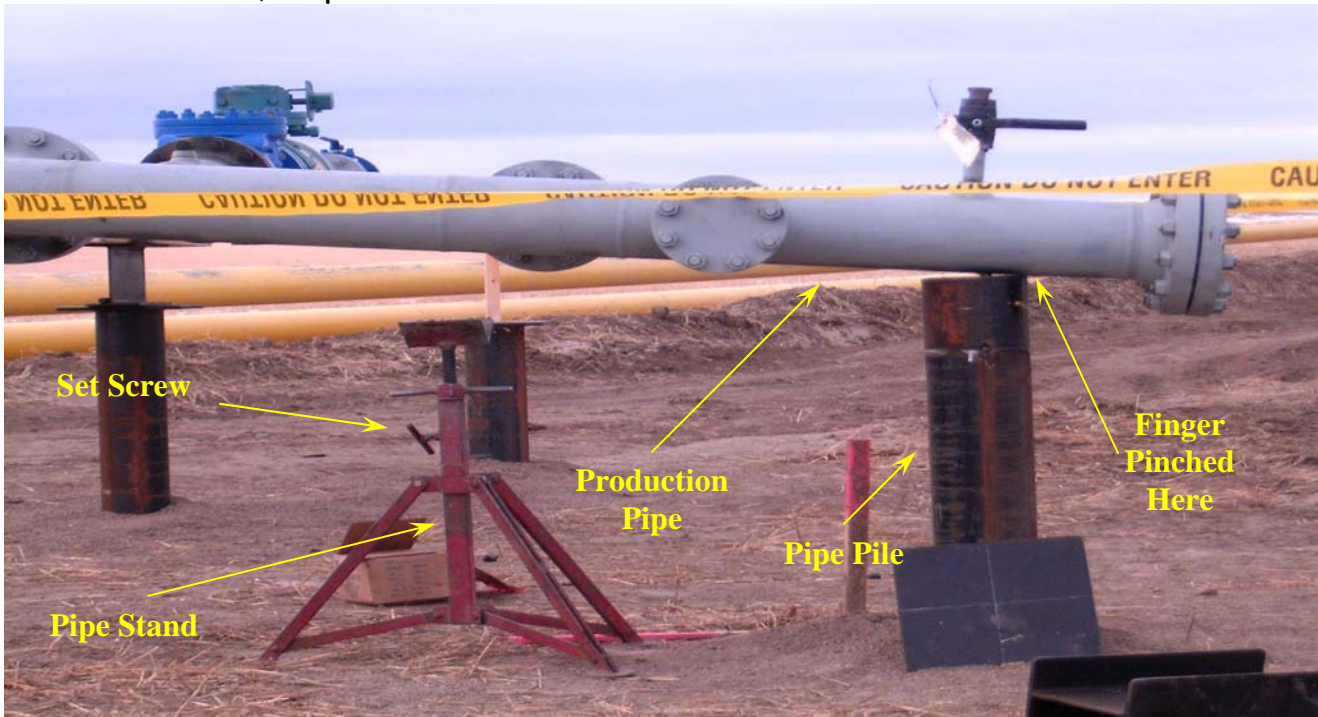


## Serious Lost Time Injury

On January 16, 2008 an Incident occurred on a project in the Medicine Hat area where a worker's index finger, on his left hand, was crushed serious enough that his finger had to be amputated between the first and second knuckle. The worker's middle finger, on his left hand, required seven sutures.



The worker was measuring the distance between the bottom of the production pipe and the top of the pipe pile when the pipe stand's vertical shaft dropped, causing the production pipe to drop. The worker was using his right hand to hold the body of the tape measure, and his left hand to hold the end of the tape measure onto the bottom of the production pipe. When the production pipe dropped, the worker's hand was forced down onto the top of the pipe pile.

Some things to keep in mind when assessing risk on your jobsite:

1. Never put yourself in the line of fire or in a pinch/crush point.
2. Always ensure that the set screw on the pipe stand is tight enough to prevent the adjustable vertical shaft from moving. The set screw should be checked periodically throughout the day to ensure that it is tight.
3. Never overload a pipe stand (use multiple pipe stands if required).
4. A pipe stand is a tool and should be inspected daily. If the stand or any of its parts are found to be worn the stand should be tagged "Out of Service" and then repaired or replaced.