



UNCONTROLLED STEM MOVEMENT



WHY IS **STEM MOVEMENT** A CONCERN?

Uncontrolled stem movement is always a major concern for any man versus machine situation, but this is also relevant to the machines themselves.

Uncontrolled steam movement is responsible for 100s of thousands of dollars in damages requiring repairs or replacement of operator protective structures (OPS) IE Marguard. This can cost upwards of \$10,000 for one window.

This not only can affect the structural integrity of the OPS system but also hinder operator visibility.



PREVENTATIVE MEASURES?

- Keep all windows clean and clear for the best visibility.
- Work your stacks in a direction to maximise visibility of the work area.
- Take extra care in the “Slippery Season” sap increases uncontrolled movement.
- “Slow is smooth”, “Smooth is fast” Rushing can hinder productivity and increase risk.
- Monitor your Safe Zones.
- Promote clear comms with people on the ground and visitors.
- Operators state of mind.

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