

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 3/17/2020

The Incident

An associate was using a non-retractable blade knife to open the packaging on a battery. The knife slipped and cut the associate's finger, requiring OSHA recordable medical treatment.

The Causes

- Using a non-retractable blade knife
- Failure to recognize potential hazards associated with using the knife to open the package.
- Wrong tool for task.
- Improper usage of the knife.

Prevent It

- If a knife is to be used, use only a retractable blade knife.
- Use a tool that is better suited for the task.
- "Take 2" for safety and evaluate your work area and the job being performed, as well as potential hazards associated with it.

Action Plan

- Safety Stand Down to be held with the crew about this incident.
- Include in the stand-down that knives without a self-retracting blade are illegal at GEM.
- Utilizing proper tools for the job or task

Keep Improving

Your health and safety are the most important part of every project. We need *your* help to eliminate unsafe behaviors and conditions. If you see a safer and better way to do a task, see your supervisor, or contact GEM Safety: Bill Cornett – 419-720-2728. To get personal protection equipment from the warehouse, call 419-720-2688.