

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 5/9/2022

The Incident

An associate was installing a header trim piece in a rough opening of an interior wall. The associate was pushing the piece into place with his hands when the outside of the right thumb came in contact with the sharp edge on the side of the opening, cutting through the glove, lacerating the skin.

The Causes

- The associate was not wearing cut rated gloves, and thought that the gloves being worn were cut rated.
- Working with new material not previously used on other sections.
- The rough opening was cut with a nibbler instead of a shear, creating a sharp jagged edge.

Prevent It

- More detailed pre-task plan/STAC identifying hazards and control methods, tool selection, and performing the newer task.
- Ensuring that task appropriate gloves to address known hazards are available on location.
- More detailed glove selection focus in New Hire Safety Orientation.

Action Plan

- Conduct an Incident Review and create a Safety Flash for distribution.
- Order and stock cut rated gloves on the jobsite.
- Supervisors to audit pre-task planning more frequently to ensure quality and detail.

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.