

Safety Flash

Recordable
Date of Incident: 8/18/2017

The Incident

An associate was holding a stepladder while another associate was cutting a piece of shroud that was being hit by a fan blade. When the associate cut through the shroud, the piece fell down striking the other associate on his right arm at the base of his bicep. The incident caused a laceration that required sutures.

The Causes

- The stepladder was not secured in place so a second associate had to hold the ladder in place while the other associate cut the piece of shroud.
- The associate on the ladder did not secure the piece of shroud when he cut it free causing it to fall and hit the other associate on the arm.

Prevent It

- The stepladder should have been secured by other means rather than the associate holding it in place.
- Instead of working off of a stepladder a scaffold deck could have been erected.
- The piece of shroud that was cut free should have been secured from falling.

Action Plan

- Material handling presents many hazards. Review the STAC to address the hazards associated with falling objects.
- Reaffirm the "360" process to be proactive to potential hazards that could be created while performing a task.
- Communicate this "Lessons Learned" company wide.

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: Tim Clark – 419-720-2699 or Bill Cornett – 419-720-2728. To get personal protection equipment from the warehouse, call 419-720-2688.

