

# Safety Flash

## Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 1/3/2023

### The Incident

An associate was securing data cable in a vertical duct inside of the supporting frame for a piece of equipment. While climbing down to ground level the associate struck their left knee on the edge of the vertical duct causing a laceration which required medical treatment beyond first aid.

### The Causes

- Sharp, exposed edge on the vertical duct.
- Constricted space did not allow adequate access from a ladder or mobile equipment working platform.
- Inadequate planning to control the known hazards, or alternate process that would have been safer.

### Prevent It

- Cover sharp edges with bumper material.
- If task must be completed from inside, find alternative, approved ladder for constricted spaces.
- Utilize best practices for pulling wire (fish tape, rope, etc.).

### Action Plan

- Enhanced pre-task planning training on location.
- Evaluate the task with craft leads to come up with the best plan.
- Cover sharp edges with bumper material where associates are completing tasks.

### 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.