

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 5/13/2020

The Incident

An associate was unloading material from a truck trailer. During the unloading process the load was being raised off the trailer bed and the associate's hand was pinched between two pieces of material resulting in a fractured fingertip and bruising on another finger.

The Causes

- The associate's hand was in the line of fire when the material was being raised.
- The way the material is shipped and banded from the manufacturer complicates the unloading process.
- Possibly using the wrong piece of equipment to unload the trailer. A RTFL was used; maybe should have used a crane instead.

Prevent It

- Have discussion with crew as to what the best procedure to unload the trailer should be for future deliveries of the same material.
- Be aware of hand placement at all times, don't get comfortable performing repetitive tasks.

Action Plan

- Hold a stand down with the crew and discuss the lessons learned.

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.