

## Safety Flash

### Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 1/2/2022

#### The Incident

An associate was demolishing catwalk support posts from the ground. There was a section of handrail that was temporarily installed for a jumper/ground between the two remaining posts. The associate was loosening one of the posts when a piece of handrail broke free, falling approximately 10 feet, striking the associate on top of the hardhat. The associate was evaluated offsite. It was determined the associate was concussed.

#### The Causes

- Jumper/ground was left in place and no longer needed at the time of the incident.
- The material used for the jumper ground was heavier than needed.
- Lack of hazard recognition for struck by falling objects.

#### Prevent It

- Pre-task planning or TAKE 2 should have identified the hazard and prompted elimination of the jumper/ground.
- Utilize lighter material, such as wire, for jumpers and grounds.
- Removal of the jumper/ground when scope was complete, prior to next task starting.

#### Action Plan

- Stand-down to be conducted on site with all associates, focus on hazard recognition.
- TAKE 2 reiteration for task changes.
- STAC quality enhancement to account for all known and potential hazards.

#### 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.