

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 11/30/2021

The Incident

An associate was working from the elevated platform of a mixer installing a sleeve on a flange when the associate turned to reach for a tool and struck his right knee on the frame of the mixer. This action caused a contusion to the knee that required treatment beyond first aid.

The Causes

- Congested work area on a piece of equipment (the injured worker is approximately 6'5" tall).
- Platform was designed for inspection and operational purposes, not installation.
- There was not enough room around the equipment base to deploy other means of access to the work.

Prevent It

- Take 2: access and eliminate potential hazards.
- Add temporary padding to incidental contact points to lessen impact.
- Stage tools or utilize a tool partner to transfer tools with minimal movement.

Action Plan

- Similar work is being reviewed and updated to address similar incidents
- STAC and TAKE 2 reiteration in the field in the form of a Toolbox Talk
- Ergonomic assessment for personnel in relation to the scope of work and location

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.