

Safety Flash

Near Miss Incident

Date of Incident: 8/16/2022

The Incident

An associate was setting roofing insulation into place. As the work progressed the associate went to step down onto a purlin and their foot missed the purlin causing them to fall into the sky-webbing that was being utilized as the fall protection system. The netting was at the same level as the purlin, so the fall distance was at the level of the associate's feet. However, this could have been a much different outcome if the associate would have landed on or hit the purlin as they fell.

The Causes

- Not paying close attention to the foot placement and missing the purlin.
- Complacency to the situation due to having the sky-webbing as the fall protection system. The associate might have been "Too Comfortable" which led to the lack of attention.
- The STAC card did not mention foot placement as one of the hazards.

Prevent It

- Update STAC cards and cover the entire process of placing insulation to include the foot placement when moving along the purlins.
- Refocus the roofing crew so that complacency doesn't set in.

Action Plan

- Safety Flash to be developed and distributed company wide for a Lessons Learned / Near Miss.

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.