

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 1/3/2022

The Incident

An associate was screwing in a fastener to secure wall sheeting when a metal shaving kicked back into the associates right eye. The associate rubbed the right eye, getting the metal fragment out, but causing an abrasion to the cornea of the right eye in the process.

The Causes

- Metal shavings were left in the reamed hole in the sheeting.
- Eye protection was being worn, but was inadequate for the hazards present.
- Hardhat was worn backwards (brim in back), lacking additional protection for the eyes.

Prevent It

- Pre-task planning should address the safe removal of metal shavings and dust from the hole prior to applying fasteners.
- Similar tasks will require enhanced eye protection; i.e. face shield, spoggles, goggles, etc.
- Hardhats to be worn with the brim facing forward.

Action Plan

- Stand-down to address quality pre-task planning to address all hazards present within the scope of work, to include additional or enhanced PPE and preparation of the work area.
- Enhanced eye protection available onsite. All associates informed of what types and applications for each.
- Hardhat suspensions have been evaluated, swinging suspensions have been purchased for future distribution.

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.