

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 1/9/2022

The Incident

An associate was working in a basement securing tools with a handline to be hoisted up by associates above. As the associate was moving out of the drop zone, he stepped on a wooden pallet which shifted causing the associate to lose his balance. The associate reached out with his left hand to brace himself and snagged his finger in a cable tray. The injury sustained to the finger prompted a medical evaluation with treatment beyond first aid and work restrictions.

The Causes

- Associate stepped on a non-authorized platform; the wooden pallet.
- The associate was likely rushing; the work took place at the end of shift.
- Inadequate lighting.

Prevent It

- Pre-task planning or TAKE 2 should have identified the hazard and prompted elimination of the wooden pallet; even if temporarily.
- Ensure that all hazards, especially on walking surfaces, are adequately lit by temporary lighting,
- Better time management and safer motivation for end of shift roll back by craft leadership.

Action Plan

- Stand-down to be conducted on site with all associates; focus on hazard recognition and hierarchy of controls.
- TAKE 2 reiteration for task, condition, and environment 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.