

## Safety Flash

### Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 2/17/2022

#### The Incident

Two associates were lifting a pipe using a forklift. The ends of the pipe were resting on sawhorses at each end of the pipe. The forklift operator positioned one of the forks into the end of the pipe to lift. The second associate was at the opposite end of the pipe directing the lift. As the forklift raised the pipe, the pipe shifted and pinched 2 of the associates fingers between the pipe and the sawhorse which resulted in the recordable injury.

#### The Causes

- The associate was in the line of fire.
- The pipe will correct itself as it is lifted, causing a springing action.
- Tight working space
- The pipe was insulated making it more difficult to rig.

#### Prevent It

- Maintain a clear distance from the pipe as it is lifted off the sawhorses.
- Pre-lift communication between the associates involved with the lift.
- Attach the overhead crane to the tail end of the pipe to help stabilize it.

#### Action Plan

- Stand-down to address quality pre-task planning to identify all hazards present within the scope of work.
- A safe-zone will be identified and maintained with adequate clearance.

#### 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.