

## Safety Flash

### Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 3/11/2024

#### **The Incident**

While working in an aerial lift, an associate was using a knife to cut material. Associate set the knife in a tray of the aerial lift. As they were moving their hand, the knife hit the edge of the tray causing the knife to puncture the associate's hand. Associate was wearing proper PPE which included puncture-resistant Level 3 gloves.

#### **The Causes**

- Handling the knife from the blade end.
- The knife does not come with a sheath; you usually have to make one yourself.
- The associate could have been wearing a tool apron and had the knife in the apron.

#### **Prevent It**

- Trade superintendent. to look into getting some sheaths purchased/made up and distribute to crews.
- Do not handle knives from the blade end.
- Pay more attention to routine tasks.

#### **Action Plan**

- Trade superintendent to look into getting some sheaths purchased/made up and distribute to the crews.
- Findings from the incident review to be reviewed with all crews and discussed at Pre-Task meetings.

#### **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.