

## Safety Flash

### Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 3/25/2022

#### **The Incident**

An associate was picking up material from a vendor. In order to safely load the semi trailer, the associate needed six pieces of cribbing to place the material upon. The associate went to the vendor's cribbing pile and chose a piece of cribbing that had two cleats on it. The associate tried using another piece of cribbing to hammer off the cleats. In the process of trying to remove the cleats, the associate strained a muscle which resulted in recordable medical treatment.

#### **The Causes**

- The associate was rushing to get the cleats off and have the cribbing ready by the time the material was brought to the truck.
- There wasn't a good selection of cribbing.
- Truck was parked 100 yards away so associate did not want to take the time to get a tool from his truck.

#### **Prevent It**

- Carry the cribbing back to the truck where a hammer was located.
- Do not rush to finish a task; take your time and get proper tool for the job.
- Take your own cribbing with you; do not depend on the vendor's selection of cribbing.

#### **Action Plan**

- Trucking department to have a meeting discussing this incident and review its findings.
- Safety Flash to be developed and shared with company.
- Trucking department to put a selection of tools in each truck in the fleet.

#### **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.