

# Safety Flash

## Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 3/26/2018

### The Incident

An Ironworker crew of three; one on the overhead crane steel, one coming down in an 80' lift, and a ground man. Once basket was on ground two of the crew members were loading the basket with a single piece of 12'x2x1/4" diamond plating for construction of the crane walkway. Weight of the plate was over two hundred pounds. They would transport this piece with the lift and one iron worker to be set into place. The lift was able to set the piece parallel by pushing out of the basket right onto the support beams of the crane walkway. This particular day a lift was used due to cramped quarters and not enough space to use a lull.

The two iron workers on the ground slid the piece to the basket of the lift, then push it in together. The piece became hung up on a floor obstruction in the lift. This caused the iron worker to go to the opposite end of the basket to free the piece. As he was working to free the piece his partner pushed the piece without his knowledge. He tried moving his hand out of the way. However, his right pinky finger was caught between the piece and the toe plate. This caught in-between injury caused a puncture/laceration. He was wearing gloves. This was the sixth piece of the day. The same crew had completed two shifts successfully.

### The Causes

- Noise / environment, hard to communicate. Approximately 12' apart.
- Activity in vicinity
- Cramped working quarters due to modified site access. This led to the use of lift versus a lull.
- Overhead door was also blocked due to other trades work

### Prevent It

- List ways incident could have been prevented - Hit Enter after each line and a new bullet will be inserted

### Action Plan

- List Action Items as a result of this incident could have been prevented - Hit Enter after each line and a new bullet will be inserted

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