

Safety Flash

Near Miss Incident

Date of Incident: 3/28/2018

The Incident

Two associates were installing decking on the second floor of a building addition, about 15 feet above ground level. As one associate set down his end of the deck, a second associate at the other end of the deck lost his balance and slipped off the iron, falling about 18 inches until his retractable engaged. The associate who had fallen pulled himself back onto the decking.



The Causes

- Improper communication between the two associates.
- The second associate did not see the first associate drop his end of the deck in place.
- The second associate was unable to maintain his balance.

Prevent It

- Maintain communication between associates during installation of decking.

Action Plan

- A stand-down was held with the crew to discuss the incident review/root cause.
- Continue to review task analysis twice a day.
- Stress communication between associates.
- Remove personal fall equipment from service immediately after it has been worn during a fall.

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: Tim Clark – 419-720-2699 or Bill Cornett – 419-720-2728. To get personal protection equipment from the warehouse, call 419-720-2688.