

## Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 5/2/2019

### The Incident

As an associate loaded a golf cart with 6-foot-long material, the material slid from the seat of the golf cart onto the gas pedal. The cart moved forward about 15 feet before striking another contractor's employee, pinning him between the golf cart and a Cushman flatbed cart and fracturing his leg.

### The Causes

- The cart was the wrong type of vehicle for transporting material
- The material was 6 feet long.
- The associate didn't take the time to use the correct type of cart.
- The cart was not turned off or put into neutral.

### Prevent It

- Use only flatbed carts made for transporting material - not personnel carts.
- When a cart is not in operation, take the keys from the ignition, put the cart in neutral and set the parking brake.

### Action Plan

- A safety stand-down was held with the crew.
- Utility vehicle training will be finalized and provided to the crew.
- Safety will investigate options for a "double safety" that can be retrofitted onto carts on site.

### 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.