

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 5/20/2021

The Incident

An associate was removing banding from a bundle of material when it caught on a purlin. As the associate yanked hard to free the banding, it broke loose from the purlin and snapped back toward the associate, cutting his arm. The wound required stitches.

The Causes

- When the banding got caught, the associate did not "Take 2" to think about what could happen when he tried to free the banding.
- The associate did not ask for help to free the banding.

Prevent It

- Have a clear contingency plan on band-cutting and what to do under similar circumstances, and communicate that to the crew.
- Note on the STAC card/Daily Planner what should be done under similar circumstances.
- "Take 2" when something doesn't go according to the original plan instead of trying to improvise on the fly.

Action Plan

- Communicate a "Lessons Learned" with the crew.

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.