

## Safety Flash

### Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 8/10/2021

#### The Incident

Associate was walking to worksite on a concrete surface and tripped on a plywood cover that was placed over a trench. As the associate tried to stop their fall with their hands, they dislocated a finger which resulted in a recordable incident.

#### The Causes

- The associate was almost to worksite and may have been distracted by looking at the site instead of where they were walking.
- There had been a filler material around the edge of the cover when installed, but over time it had worn away.
- The paint on the edges of the cover was starting to wear away.

#### Prevent It

- Findings from the incident review will be shared with the crews on site.
- Be aware of surroundings and where you are in relation to possible hazards.

#### Action Plan

- Re-paint the edges of the cover
- Put filler material around the edges of the cover to minimize the chance of tripping on the cover.

#### 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.