

# Safety Flash

## Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 8/28/2024

### The Incident

An associate was attempting to move a recently sheared sheet of expanded metal onto a pallet. As the associate was setting the piece down, a corner of the sheet caught his arm causing a 4-inch laceration which required OSHA recordable medical attention.

### The Causes

- Inadequate work space was available to properly space the shearing machine, material and pallets away from each other, which hampered the associates ability to perform the work safely.
- STAC card was not filled out to remind associate that the task at hand was potentially dangerous.
- Kevlar sleeves could have been worn to help prevent such an instance from happening.

### Prevent It

- Assure the layout of the workspace is adequate in the future.
- Utilize Kevlar sleeves in the immediate future.
- Fill out STAC cards to remind yourself of the task at hand for the day and what safety precautions need to be utilized

### Action Plan

- Ordering Kevlar sleeves in multiple sizes to accommodate each associate in the shop.
- Schedule bi-weekly stand downs with associates in the shop and safety department to discuss different ways to combat situations like this to prevent injuries from occurring in the future.

### 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.