

# Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 8/29/2019

## The Incident

The associate was using a cordless drill motor to drill a hole into a light fixture to attach the fixture to a unistrut hanger. As the drill bit broke through the fixture shield, it hit a slot in the unistrut and deflected the drill bit into the associate's finger, resulting in OSHA recordable medical treatment.

## The Causes

- The associate's hand was in the line of fire.
- The tight space between the light fixture and the unistrut provided limited options for performing this task.
- The associate had performed the repetitive task numerous times.

## Prevent It

- Be aware of hand placement at all times, taking into consideration "What If" scenarios.
- Do not become complacent with repetitive tasks.
- Be aware of all conditions involved with the task.

## Action Plan

- This Safety Flash will be used as a stand-down with the crew 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.