

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 9/16/2024

The Incident

Associate was working on a reheat coil from a ladder. The hot water supply valve was loose. While attempting to tighten valve, the valve handle came in contact with a pipe causing it to turn and open valve. Hot water discharged causing burn to associate's hand

The Causes

- Associate didn't stop and evaluate hazards.
- No pre-task plan or STAC were completed prior to start of work.
- Could have repositioned ladder to avoid being in line of fire.
- Could have removed handle to prevent accidental opening of valve.
- Considered eliminating the hazard by shutting down system.

Prevent It

- Complete a pre-task plan, identify hazards and consider hazard solutions to eliminate risk.

Action Plan

- Send safety flash to all associates to remind them a planned activity has the greatest chance of success. Pre job planning and start of shift safety meeting are tools used to ensure crew members recognize hazards and have the knowledge to enact control measures to protect themselves.

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.

