

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 9/27/2021

The Incident

An associate was handed a porta-power by another associate working in the same area. The associate stepped backwards and pivoted to his right to transport and deposit the porta-power elsewhere. The associate's right foot landed on a staged piece of grating (circled in green at right) that caused his ankle to roll to the outside. This resulted in a high ankle sprain that required medical treatment beyond first aid.



The Causes

- Congested work area on a piece of equipment (what was being installed) on the roof.
- All components of the equipment were lifted to the roof on a Saturday by a mobile crane, and the crane would not be back on site until demobilization. This limited the amount of time and space for staging the components for ease of installation.
- Material/components were staged but not well organized. Material/component lifts to the roof were lifted as shipped and not reconfigured for easy staging to maintain housekeeping standards.

Prevent It

- Take 2: to reconfigure material lifts, stage to eliminate slips, trips, falls
- More detailed plan to address sequence of the lifts and organization for staging
- Pre-Lift Meeting to include details of how to stage materials

Action Plan

- Peer reviews on STAC completion and quality
- Review Pre-Task Plans with entire crews and discuss unaddressed hazards

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.