

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable/Lost-Time Injury

Date of Incident: 9/27/2022

The Incident

An Associate was leveling a 2" air line that was tied into a 4" x 2" tee coupled to a 4" air main. To level the 2" line, the associate had to loosen the bolts on the coupling. The associate was unaware the 4" main was pressurized to 125 psi. which caused the tee to separate from the 4" main and forced it to move in an upward and outward motion striking the associate on the right side of his face causing blunt force trauma.

The Causes

- Associate was unaware the 4" main was pressurized to 125 psi.
- Associate was working on the 4" main, which was out of his scope of work.
- The valve on the tee was not properly locked out.
- Lack of communication on a daily basis, reviewing that days task and the hazards involved.

Prevent It

- More detailed pre-task plan/STAC identifying hazards and control methods
- Communicate on a daily basis and throughout the day as tasks change.
- Ensure and verify that energized system are locked out before working on them.

Action Plan

- Conduct an Incident Review and create a Safety Flash for distribution.
- Communicate more frequently between supervision and craft.
- Supervisors to audit pre-task planning more frequently to ensure quality and detail.

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.