

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 9/30/2019

The Incident

As an associate was unloading weld lead from a truck when a splinter entered his left index finger underneath the fingernail, resulting in an OSHA recordable.

The Causes

- Lack of PPE: The associate was not wearing his gloves, which were in another fleet vehicle.
- Lack of Planning: The weld lead was not palletized for unloading at the customer location. The unloading was coordinated to be performed by a tow motor operator provided by the customer.

Prevent It

- Pre-task planning needs to cover all aspects of the job, including pre-mobilization, loading and unloading.
- Check and correct your peers if they are not doing the right thing.
- Pay closer attention and take your time when transporting, loading and unloading equipment, tools and materials.

Action Plan

- A custom stand-down for STAC/pre-task planning will be created and conducted in the field.
- A fleet vehicle safety kit will be built to provide all fleet vehicles with PPE, a first-aid kit, fire extinguisher, tie downs, foreman binder, etc. The Safety Committee will evaluate what the kit should contain and present ideas for implementation.

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.