

# Safety Flash

## Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 10/4/2022

### The Incident

An associate wearing all required PPE (hard hat, safety glasses, gloves, etc.) was pulling cable from a cable tray into an electrical cabinet. The cable became stuck. As the associate tugged, the cable freed up causing his hand to hit the stamped edge at the top of the cabinet. The stamped edge caused a laceration that required off site medical attention.

### The Causes

- The cable was stuck.
- The associate was tugging on the cable to free it up.
- The stamped edge of the cabinet.
- Situational awareness: the associate did not take into consideration the stamped edge.

### Prevent It

- Install edge guarding along the stamped edge of the cabinet.
- More detailed pre-task plan/STAC identifying hazards and control methods.
- Wear the appropriate PPE for the task at hand, cut resistant gloves.

### Action Plan

- Conduct an Incident Review and create a Safety Flash for distribution.
- Make sure the appropriate PPE is available for the task.
- Check the availability and effectiveness of edge guarding
- 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.