

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 10/7/2018

The Incident

An associate was removing cables that were held in place with tie wraps from a trolley. As the associate cut the tie wrap, the razor knife slipped and cut the associate's finger, which required stitches.

The Causes

- It was the end of the shift and the associate was in a hurry to finish the task and go home.
- The previous work station held wires in place with Velcro.
- The associate used a personal pocket razor knife without a self-retracting blade.

Prevent It

- Use a safer tool such as diagonal cutters, scissors or side-cutting pliers.

Action Plan

- A safety stand-down was held with the crew to discuss what happened and how to prevent similar incidents.
- The pre-task planner will be updated to include ways to eliminate this hazard and prevent similar incidents.
- Discussion was held with the crew on hazard recognition and what to do when you see a coworker engaging in unsafe behavior.

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.