

# Safety Flash

# Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 10/8/2020

# The Incident

An associate was securing wire in a cable tray using zip ties. As he was tightening a zip tie, it broke and the pliers hit his face, cutting his lip and cracking a tooth, resulting in a recordable incident.

# **The Causes**

- Using the wrong tool for the task.
- His face was in the line of fire if the pliers slipped or the zip tie broke.
- The proper tool for this task was on the jobsite and should have been used.

## **Prevent It**

- Use the proper tool for the job.
- Keep all parts of the body out of the line of fire.
- Do a better job of pre-planning and choose the right tool for the job.

## **Action Plan**

- Emphasize better pre-planning.
- Site safety and foremen will share the findings of the incident review with the crews.

## **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.