

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 10/31/2023

The Incident

Two associates were removing a 20-gauge composite metal decking sheet (approximately 25 lbs.) from a stacked bundle to position on truss from leading edge. The sheet of decking got hung up and one associate lost their grip. The associate bent down to re-grasp sheet and struck the overhead penthouse steel beam with top of hard hat when standing back up.

The Causes

- Complacency: Repetitive process of laying out metal decking.
- Ergonomics: Repetitive body movements.
- Staged Metal Decking: Associates had to drag sheets of decking underneath HVAC support structure to continue decking layout of the roof.

Prevent It

- Visual Markers: Adding yellow flags or yellow streamers wrapped around the HVAC support structure to identify and alert associates of support beam.
- Metal Decking Layout Plan: Take time to relocate the decking material after identifying the hazard.
- STAC Card/Daily PTA: All hazards visible in work area to be identified to all associates and managed by field leadership.

Action Plan

- Visual Markers: Added markers to all existing roof structures that prevent hazards to associates.
- Ergonomics: Toolbox Talk coaching associates about lifting, carrying heavy objects and identifying existing hazards being completed week of November 6, 2023.
- Metal Decking Layout Plan: Taking time to relocate the decking material after identifying the hazard.

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.