

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 10/31/2023

The Incident

Associate was pulling a portable heating unit with a coworker. After traveling a couple feet, the wheels of the heating unit caught on debris causing a sudden stop. The sudden stop caused the associate to twist his back in a quick jerking motion causing back pain and discomfort.

The Causes

- STAC card/ Daily Planner was not utilized prior to shift.
- Associate did not seek advice from experienced personnel on how to move the equipment.
- Site conditions were not optimal for the work being done. There was a large amount of debris on the ground not allowing for movement of equipment.

Prevent It

- Daily Planner/STAC card filled out and site walked down.
- Consult experienced craftsperson on the best process to conduct given work.
- Find or request proper tool/equipment to perform the task at hand.

Action Plan

- Safety stand-down to be held.
- Site specific instructions to be added for jobs with similar tasks.

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.