

## Safety Flash

### Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 11/8/2018

#### The Incident

An associate was grinding welds when a piece of slag came loose from the weld, ricocheted off the wall and went under his safety glasses into his eye, causing a scratched cornea.

#### The Causes

- The grinder's rpm was too high for the wire wheel.
- The work was performed in a corner, which allowed the slag to ricochet off the wall.
- His safety glasses were not the spoggle style, which would have provided an additional layer of protection.

#### Prevent It

- Consider using a hand-held wire brush instead of a grinder.
- When grinding, use spoggles instead of regular style safety glasses.
- If a grinder must be used, choose a lower rpm grinder.

#### Action Plan

- Use a hand held wire brush in place of a grinder when practical.
- If a grinder must be used, wear full PPE, including a face shield and spoggles. Also, use a low rpm grinder.

#### 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.