

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 11/9/2020

The Incident

While carrying an object, an associate tripped over the forks of a forklift and fell to the ground. He fractured bones in his arm and elbow, resulting in a recordable incident.

The Causes

- On his way into the building, the associate noticed the fork tips were off the ground and walked around them. However, after leaving the building with the object, he forgot the forks and tripped over them.
- The associate did not fix the tips of the forklift and walked by them on his way into the building.
- The last employee to use the forklift did not ensure that the forks were evenly on the ground before leaving the parked lift.
- The associate was preoccupied once he had picked the object up from the building.

Prevent It

- If you see a safety hazard, take a couple minutes and fix it immediately. Do not leave it for someone else to fix.
- Remind all forklift operators in the crew to leave the forks even with ground before dismounting the machine.
- Remain focused on the task you are doing at all times. Even on the most routine of tasks, keep your focus.

Action Plan

- The project manager held a stand down with the crew to cover the findings of the incident on 11/10/2020.

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.