

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 11/20/2018

The Incident

An associate was using a 6-inch Metabo grinder with a 1/8-inch wheel. As he worked from a ladder to grind on 2-inch dip tubes to make a final weld, the grinder caught an adjacent dip tube. The grinder kicked back, lacerating his right index finger.

The Causes

- The associate's body position - he was working from a ladder.
- He was using the wrong tool for the job.
- He was grinding with his non-dominant hand.

Prevent It

- Use a safer body position - build a scaffold instead of working from ladders.
- Use a 4-inch grinder or pencil grinder to prevent interference with nearby materials.
- Using a different grinder and body position would have allowed him to use his dominant hand.



Action Plan

- A safety stand-down was conducted on site on 11/21/2018.
- Use a daily pre-task planner in addition to STACs for additional task step planning.

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.