

# Safety Flash

## Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 12/18/2023

### The Incident

An associate was drilling polycarbonate material using a battery powered drill and hole saw. The hole saw grabbed the material and twisted the drill in the associate's hand resulting in a recordable medical incident.

### The Causes

- No handle was on the drill.
- Using a hole saw appeared to be the only method of performing this task.
- The STAC card did not list the drill getting bound up as a possible risk.

### Prevent It

- Investigate other methods of performing same task.
- Investigate drilling at different speeds to see what the optimal speed of drill motor should be.
- Check into different hole saws; maybe a finer tooth design that would not be as aggressive.

### Action Plan

- Hold incident review and discuss findings of the review with all crews.
- Write a safety flash and post on the intranet for all associates to review.
- Implement new procedure for this task if a safer method, tool, or material is found.

### 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.