

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 12/28/2018

The Incident

An associate was using a corded drill on a 1/2-inch-thick plate when the drill caught, twisted and fractured their hand.

The Causes

- The 1/2-inch drill may not have been the best tool for the task.
- The associate's body position was in awkward position.

Prevent It

- Consider using a drill with a clutch or a magnetic drill which would eliminate the twisting hazard.
- Use thorough pretask planning to anticipate and identify hazards.
- Drill a pilot hole to help prevent the drill from catching and twisting.

Action Plan

- A safety stand-down was held to discuss the incident with the crew.
- GEM personnel at this site will now use only drills with a clutch in similar situations, or magnetic drills or drill presses where appropriate.

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.