

## Safety Flash

### Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 2/20/2025

#### The Incident

Associate was returning to work after lunch entering through an unauthorized access point which was covered with a sheet of visqueen. When the Associate #1 made entrance, Associate #2 was utilizing a push broom which came in contact with Associate #1's left foot, causing them to jump out of the way of the broom and slip on ice. This resulted in Associate #1 falling onto the concrete slab.

#### The Causes

- Utilizing unauthorized access point.
- Lack of a site plan that designated safe walking paths.
- Presence of ice on walking/working surfaces.
- Lack of visibility when entering a work area.

#### Prevent It

- Unauthorized access point was eliminated by placing barricades around the area where the associate was injured.
- Ice was removed on walking/working surfaces.

#### Action Plan

- Site plan was requested to identify safe walking paths.
- Stand-down with all crews to be held and cover this information.
- Safety Flash to be distributed company wide for a "Lessons Learned".

#### 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.