

Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 3/24/2022

The Incident

An associate was working from an aerial lift. After tacking in a pipe being installed, the associate placed a magnetic level on the pipe, causing dust to fall into his face. The dust covered his safety glasses; some getting behind the protection of the glasses. Several pieces of metal particles had to be removed from the associate's eye.

The Causes

- The work area was very saturated with airborne dust and other particles.
- Open airflow in the building created a wind tunnel, making dust airborne.
- Dust had accumulated on the pipe in a short period of time.

Prevent It

- Proper selection and use of eye protection adequate for the task and environment.
- Clean work area of dust and other material prior to disturbing.
- Ventilation fans to push air and light particles away from work being completed where feasible.

Action Plan

- 360 FOCUS to maintain situational awareness.
- TAKE 2 reiteration for task, condition, and environment changes.
- STAC quality enhancement to account for all known and potential hazards.
- Eye protection refresher training for selection, type, and proper wear.

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.