

# Safety Flash

## Incident with Recordable Injury

Date of Incident: 3/30/2018

### The Incident

An associate was cutting out pipe that was connected to a tank, using a battery-operated band saw. The associate made a cut at the top of the pipe, and the pipe shifted. They were worried that the pipe would become a tripping hazard, so a cut was made at the lower end of the pipe. The individual had both hands on the band saw while he was making the cut. The pipe was not supported at the lower end and began to jump around. The associate removed their right hand from the band saw and grabbed the pipe to stabilize it. In doing so, the band saw jumped out of the cut and slid down the pipe into the second knuckle of the index finger causing a laceration that required medical attention.

### The Causes

- The associate removed their hand from the band saw.
- The associate did not follow the manufacturer's instructions to maintain two hands on the band saw.
- The pipe was not supported to prevent it from moving around.

### Prevent It

- Keep both hands on the band saw when it is in operation.
- Secure the pipe from movement by clamping closer to the cut, or getting assistance.

### Action Plan

- A Safety Stand Down was held on site with the crew discussing the incident.
- Communicate this Lessons Learned company wide.
- Review STAC at least twice a day or as task changes.
- Utilize additional Safety tools, such as the "Take 2 for Safety" and the "360" as you perform your task.

### 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: Tim Clark – 419-720-2699 or Bill Cornett – 419-720-2728. To get personal protection equipment from the warehouse, call 419-720-2688.

