



Safety Flash

Incident with Recordable Injury

Incident: An associate was moving planks with a coworker to disassemble a scaffold. As his coworker let go of the plank, the associate lost his grip on his end and a splinter pierced his glove, injuring his hand.

Possible contributing factors:

- The associate lost control of his end of the plank when his coworker let go of the other end.
- The two workers did not communicate as they passed materials.
- Work had taken place in the clean room, and the supervisor was focused on clean-up and not dropping material.
- All potential hazards were not covered and not effectively communicated in the pre-task plan.

Primary contributing factors:

- Work had taken place in the clean room, and the supervisor was focused on clean-up and not dropping material to prevent equipment damage.
- All potential hazards were not covered and not effectively communicated in the pre-task plan.

Solutions:

- Communicate all hazards with crews before work begins.
- Make sure workers communicate with each other before handing off materials

Action Items:

- The pre-task plan was updated to include the hazards of handling planks.
- A stand-down was held with the crew to discuss hazard communication.
- Different gloves are being evaluated for handling planks.

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Your health and safety are our core value on every project. If you see a way we can support you in keeping our job sites safe, see your supervisor or contact: Jim Philo, 419/654-2043; Rich Franklin, Michigan, 734/679-7283; Alan Doane, Cleveland, 440/429-0639; Chad Metzger, Lima, 419/279-5348 or Mark Hoffman, 419/360-9280.