

Lessons Learned

Date: May 10,2021
Project: PDX 81 Data Center
Incident Title: Wrong tool, cut it out!

Region: M Division

Summary

Two Sheetmetal Workers were moving eight, 9' long pieces of flashing. While transporting the flashing and attempting to make a 90 degree turn, the material slid off the cart and contacted the worker in the right thigh causing a laceration which required stitches.



What Went Right?

- The incident was reported immediately.
- The workers did a walk down of the travel path prior the move to ensure clear travel path.
- Foreman assigned two workers to move the material.
- Workers did not attempt to hand carry the material.

What Went Wrong?

- The workers were not able to locate the correct cart designed for material handling and continued to attempt to complete the task utilizing a garbage tote.
- Garbage tote used to move the flashing had a slick plastic surface and no way to secure the load.
- Use of the garbage tote for moving material was "Normalized" instead of getting additional

Lessons Learned

- Ensure that you have the correct tool for the job, if it is being used, wait until it is available or let your Supervisor know that you need additional tools.
- Always secure material during transport.
- If you discover that you do not have the right tool for the job, STOP and let your Supervisor know.