

Lessons Learned



— MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS —

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Region: Seattle

Project: BFI9

Incident Title: Falling Object

Summary

An Employee was working off a ladder doing overhead piping/bracing. The worker was called down from their ladder to answer a few questions, and set their drill/impact with Philips tip on top of the ladder.

While they were on the ground, they repositioned the ladder, the drill fell off, and the Philips tip punctured their wrist.



What Went Right?

- Worker stopped the bleeding, and immediately put ice on their wrist to reduce the swelling

What Went Wrong?

- Placing anything on a ledge, including a ladder step, is creating a falling object hazard
- Moving a ladder before clearing it of all items

Lessons Learned

- Before moving a ladder, make sure there aren't any items left of the ladder steps that could fall
- Don't place items on a ledge, step, or any place they could fall to a lower level