

Lessons Learned



— MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS —

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Region: Montana

Project: Billings Clinic (Bozeman)

Incident Title: Worker pulls strap – hook hits face

Summary

The injured employee was trying to dislodge the hook side of the ratchet strap from a Unistrut that was holding a vertical duct chase located on the 3rd floor shaft of the building. The injured worker was working in scissor lift that was 10 feet in the air when he was trying to dislodge the loose strap using a pulling motion. Worker gave the strap some slack to dislodge the hook from the Unistrut and then pulled the strap, this caused the hook to come loose and launched directly into the workers face, contacting the workers safety glasses and right side of his face causing a laceration on the right cheek.



What Went Right?

- Worker was wearing safety glasses
- Employee reported it immediately.
- First Aid was provided

What Went Wrong?

- Improper worker procedure.
- Failure to properly disconnect ratchet strap

Lessons Learned

- It is important to disconnect strapping properly regardless of the situation. Take the time to properly disconnect any type of straps before applying some type of force.
- Identify the risks and hazards prior to the work being done.
- Ensure the proper PPE is being worn all the time.