

Lessons Learned

Date: 4/12/2022	Region: Tennessee
Project: V-154 UPF	Incident Title: Loss Control of Tools/Material

Summary	Picture
<p>Two employees removed a press break die from the machine to a designated table for cleaning between material changes. (Die weighed 150 lbs. and was 12 ft long).</p> <p>The two employees worked together to hold the material on the table while cleaning.</p> <p>As the employee was wiping off the die the other employee released his end of the die causing the die to shift and tilt off the table (Became unbalanced).</p> <p>As it fell It struck affected employee on his right knee and foot fracturing his toe in two places.</p>	
What Went Right?	What Went Wrong?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employee was wearing safety toe boots which prevented worse injury ● Employee reported injury immediately ● New ideas for maintaining control of the material were developed and implemented as seen in the lower picture, these rails were also installed on the roller tables. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Material was not adequately controlled ● Table was not designed for material this size or to prevent material from rolling or shifting ● Communication between the two workers was not maintained, therefore control of the material was lost.

Lessons Learned

- Always maintain communication and situational awareness with your partner(s) when manipulating/handling awkward tools and materials.
- Always use the correct tools for the job. (table not designed for cleaning, only transportation)