

Lessons Learned

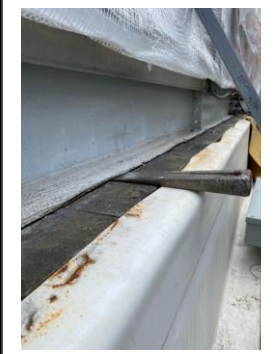
Date: 6/13/2023
Project: Adobe DH4

Region: Coastal
Incident Title: Hit it on the Head

Summary

Two Apollo team members were tasked with grinding and removing the welds securing a roof top air handler to the concrete curbs. The process requires grinding out the weld, and then using a prybar to make sure the welds are broken free from the bases. When making sure that the weld was fully removed, the prybar slipped out and struck our team member in the top part of the forehead above his faceshield headgear, giving him a small laceration.

Picture



Inserting the bar this way, can potentially put the employee in the line of fire from stored energy if it pops free suddenly.

The use of wedges removes this exposure.

What Went Right?

No serious injury. Treated as first aid and released.

What Went Wrong?

Body positioning was directly in the line of fire from stored energy when the bar popped out from under the edge of the frame. The change in procedure from using the wedges for these close gaps, created a need for more force by hand. Wrong headgear on faceshield did not allow for use of a hardhat.

Lessons Learned

- Change in procedure created a failure to recognize stored energy.
- Body positioning put person in direct line of fire.
- Inadequate headgear for faceshield allowed head injury exposure.
- Use the right tools, PPE and keep in mind at all times where you are standing!