

Lessons Learned

Date: 10/2/2023 Region: National Facility Service - Montana
 Project: Aurora, MT Incident Title: Shoulder Strain

Summary	Picture
<p>An Apollo plumber was attempting to pick up a 10' stick of 4" PVC pipe. The pipe was in a bundle with about 9 other pieces and was banded together with straps. The worker reached down and grabbed a piece off the top thinking the bands had been cut. When they lifted the pipe there was more weight than expected and the worker strained a muscle in their right shoulder/neck.</p>	
What Went Right?	What Went Wrong?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The worker called his foreman immediately after the injury took place. The employee was not attempting to lift anything too heavy that couldn't be handled by himself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequate planning and inspection of pipe bundle. The worker was having issues with their back and shoulder prior to the incident which was not addressed.

Lessons Learned

- There is a lack of appropriate ergonomics and material handling training for the division. This will be addressed with the team along with other training courses over the coming weeks.
- The division will be systematically put through Apollo Orientation to catch up the division.
- PTP's need to be filled out in more detail and addressed by the crew at stretch and flex.
- Local clinics will have Apollo discounts for individuals interested in seeking pro-active treatment for body maintenance and injury prevention.