



# Learning From Incidents

## Nose Laceration While Pulling Skid Hook

### Brief Description of the Incident

- An employee was attempting to retrieve a skid from a pipe layer basket. The ice pick style hook being used to grab and pull the skid, slipped free and contacted the worker's nose. This resulted in a laceration that required 2 sutures to close.



### Consider and Discuss the Following Latencies

#### **Supervisors**

- Prior to assigning tasks are we assessing our crews training needs?
- Are we ensuring our employees are using proper body mechanics while avoiding the line of fire?
- Are we challenging our employees to identify risks associated with routine tasks?

#### **Crew Members**

- Do I ensure that I remain focused (on the right risk) during the performance of routine tasks and avoid complacency?
- Do I use my hazard assessment and safe work planning tools and update them as tasks and conditions change?

### Direct Causes

- **Improper Positioning:** The employee unintentionally positioned their body in the line of fire.

### Underlying Causes and Contributing Factors

- **Failure to Identify the Hazard:** The employee did not identify the line of fire hazard
- **Lack of Training:** The employee had not been provided with tool and task specific training.
- **Complacency:** The employee had completed this task multiple times without error.

### Key Learning Points

1. It is vital that FLHA discussions focus on site / activity specific hazards; do personnel really understand their risks and are their controls sufficient?
2. All personnel must remain vigilant when performing routine or repetitive tasks as there is risk of complacency.
3. Supervisors must make it part of their routine to check on the quality of the crew's hazard assessment document and the related discussion. These are coaching opportunities.

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