

Safety Stinger



Minor first aid – Poor body positioning

Incident Description: On 9-21-15 a shop employee was working with a lathe. The employee was using a pipe as a pry bar to secure the material in the chuck. The pipe slipped and the employee struck his arm on the tooling for the lathe causing a cut to the forearm. The cut was cleaned and dressed and the employee returned to work.



Lessons Learned:

- ✓ Take the time to get and use the correct tool for the job.
- Make sure all equipment is in good operating condition and is repaired or serviced as appropriate.

Immediate Observations:

- Using the wrong tool for the job. Employee should have used the chuck key not a pipe.
- The chuck on the lathe was worn and needed to be replaced. The worn chuck required additional force to secure the material.

Safety Performance Tool to Prevent Future Occurrence:

Procedure Use and Adherence

Procedure use and adherence is used to effectively implement sound work practices, which is tied to human error reduction, event prevention and safety.

- Review and study, procedures to understand why and how step are performed.
- If a procedure cannot be followed, immediately contact your supervisor.