

Safety Stinger



Dropped Welding Leads

Incident Description: An employee disconnected welding leads from his machine inside a shell buggy. The leads were not secured and pulled over the top of the buggy and the shell and fell to the inside of the tank. A second employee was inspecting welds on the inside of the tank on the scaffold and was struck in the head and face by the falling leads. No injuries were sustained.



Lessons Learned:

- ✓ The Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) should address potential securing all items used at heights.
- We should have communication between employees that are involved in different tasks.

Immediate Observations:

- Employees failed to communicate with each other.
- Weld leads should be secured to the buggy to prevent them from falling.
- Never drop an object when we do not have clear sight of where it will land.

Safety Performance Tool to Prevent Future Occurrence:

Personal Safety Assessment

- Enhance situational awareness
- Ensure personal safety and the safety of others.
- Acquaint people with the immediate work area.

Remember you can call a time out anytime conditions are unsafe for you or your teammates.