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Employee was removing pipe from a truck bed. The pipe unexpectedly bounced off the blocking and struck the employee's finger.

Root Cause: Material handling method allowed the release of uncontrolled energy (gravity, dropping of the pipe from the 4" block of wood); hand in the line of fire.

Safety Moment: Store tools, equipment, and materials in a way that eliminates the potential for stored energy and other hazards. For example, store material flat on the bed of a truck to eliminate the hazard of the material potentially dropping. Consider use material handling devices to grip and move material to keep hands out of the line of fire. Ensure materials are properly secured for transport and be aware that material may shift during transport and the possible hazards when the material is released.

Employee was cut while handling/removing broken glass from a trash container.

Root Cause: Failure to follow procedure. Established custodial procedures require employees to notify their supervisor or lead worker and not remove broken glass if observed in trash containers. This employee tried to dispose of the trash with the broken glass in the bag.

Safety Moment: Speed can be your enemy. Make sure you take the time to do each task right and safely. When injuries occur, we lose time and efficiency.

NEED HELP RESOLVING AN UNSAFE CONDITION?

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