



ALERT NO.: SA 09-11

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Minor Accident involving welding rod box

On 7/5/11, while attempting to get a grinder out of a tool box, a GIS employee struck an open welding rod box, causing a minor laceration to his left thumb. The employee received first aid treatment only, but prompted GIS to develop a less hazardous way to store their unused welding rods.

The injured employee was focused on getting the grinder, and did not notice the open can next to the grinder. GIS is already sending out a mixture of welding rods in metal cans and repacked in sealed plastic containers. We are looking into alternative ways of how to prevent this from re-occurring. For the time being, gloves are to be worn anytime you are in the tool box, especially when handling welding rods.

