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BEING AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

During a recent scaffold erection, an employee was attempting to step down from the scaffold to change SRLs. While crawling under the beam, his SRL cable was snagged by a scaffold pole. Upon discovery of what had him caught, the cable became free from the scaffold pole and the slack in the cable tightened and struck the employee in the mouth.



LESSONS LEARNED:

Always be aware of your surroundings.

- Performing routine tasks often cause people to overlook known hazards. The LAW and WPSEA are there to make sure things like this can be avoided and these hazards are recognized. No matter how familiar the task, we need to analyze EVERY hazard.
- All obstacles while working in confined areas should be identified before work begins in order to better plan your path of SAFE travel.
- When in doubt, use the buddy system to communicate. This can help avoid putting yourself into an unknown line of fire.

***Report all incidents immediately to the GIS
Hotline 1-855-543-5163.***

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