

Dropped Object strikes Employee

Recently during a boat transfer, a GIS employee was struck in the arm by a portable target when it fell from the handrail 20 feet above the boat landing. The incident was classified as a "First Aid", but there was potential for the greater injury.

An investigation was conducted. The results were:

Causal Factor 1: Failure to Identify Potentially Dropped Object

Support Findings:

1. Dropped Object Checklist not filled out per Policy
2. "Target" fell and struck employee during a boat transfer.

Recommended Actions:

1. Address dropped objects on WPSEA
2. Complete Dropped Objects Checklist
3. Barricade work area below with danger tape
4. Secure dropped objects before starting job



Causal Factor 2: Not Adhering to GIS Policies and Procedures

Support Findings:

1. Hazard ID worksheet (LAW Form) wasn't utilized per LIFE Process
2. Dropped Objects checklist not completed, per GIS Policy
3. WPSEA was Generic, not task or site specific

Recommended Actions:

1. Follow GIS Policies/Procedures

Causal Factors 3: Rigging Procedures

Support Findings:

1. Portable target not secured in place

Recommended Actions:

1. Secure target with tie wraps or lanyards as a secondary means
2. Attach tool spider to lanyard when there is a potential for target to fall.

