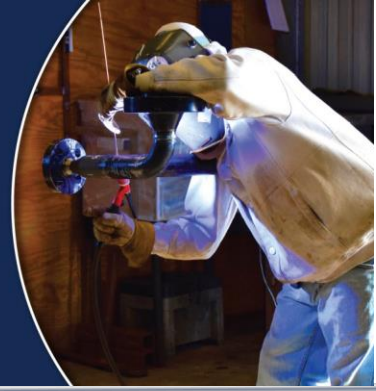




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Trip Hazards & Material Handling

This Safety Alert was prepared as a result of a first aid injury sustained by a GIS employee while changing out a pump they were experiencing problems with. To proceed with this task, the employees utilized a pump carrier to remove the old pump and place in a safe area. The employees then entered the tool house to retrieve the new pump. They used the pump carrier again to carry the new pump to the work location. The IP was in the front controlling his end of the carrier when he stepped forward to exit the tool house. Because the step up in the tool house door required the employee to suddenly change elevations, the pump shifted and the pump foot struck the back of his right boot heel resulting a contusion to his foot.



What have we learned from this incident?

- This tool house had a “step-up” that was not clearly marked and the hazard was not identified and mitigated on the JSEA.
- As a result of this process, it required the employees to step back down when exiting the tool house which resulted in the unexpected movement of the pump while utilizing the pump carrier to make the transfer.
- Although pump carriers have been an industry norm for performing similar task, the JSEA has been upgraded to include the use of a hand truck “Dolly” to prevent further hazardous situations of unexpected movements of the load.

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



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