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Splinter from Scaffold Board

Incident Background:

In mid-January, a GIS Scaffold Builder was disassembling a scaffold. While working with a wood scaffold plank, a splinter 1" long penetrated his work glove and entered his palm area. The employee stopped work, removed his glove, and removed the splinter. He then reported to the facility medic who inspected the area and was able to remove another small portion of the splinter still in the employee's hand. After reporting that he could still feel something in his hand, the employee was flown in for further assessment. After assessment, nothing further was found and the employee was flown back out to finish his hitch.

Lesson's Learned:

- Although inspections were completed and passed while in use, we have updated the JSEA in our Library to address inspecting scaffold boards prior to disassembling. This will help in identifying any area that could cause a repeat incident of this nature.
- We inspected the remaining scaffold boards on the facility to identify any other planks that could cause a similar injury.



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

Following your initial phone call, an incident report **must** be completed and e-mailed to:

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