



HEALTH, SAFETY,
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Shortcut Leads to a Recordable Injury

An incident occurred recently involving a worker who was tasked with torquing bolts on a flange. This was Break-In work, as the flange was put together incorrectly, and Re-work was required. The workers reviewed the procedure, conducted the JSEA, and received the appropriate Permit to Work. When one worker was using the torque gun to tighten bolts, the other was checking the backup. The workers correctly called "Hands Clear" before engaging the torque gun. The worker checking backup then proceeded to check the next nut for hand-tightness when the reactor arm on the torque gun pinched his finger.



Sample Image

By trying to get ahead of the job and save some time, the worker put himself at extreme risk, causing permanent injury to himself.

No job is so important that it should cost any sort of injury. In this case, the result of the shortcut cost the worker the use of his finger.

Work procedures and JSEAs are to always be followed. Any drift from a procedure or work scope shall always be preceded by stopping the job and documenting the change.

GIS takes pride in its motto, "Putting People First". Please help us by always following written procedures and Safe Work Practices when performing your work.

Proper use of the **GIS LIFE Processes** can help to create a **FAIL-SAFE** Work Environment.



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