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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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Wearing the Appropriate PPE During Work

This safety alert did not involve any GIS personnel or any team members of affiliated companies.

Recently, a worker was exiting a work truck to collect a ditch sample with a glass sample bottle. While standing within the doorway of the vehicle while exiting, the worker grabbed the glass bottle while barehanded and attempted to leave. While leaving, however, the glass bottle struck the body of the vehicle right behind the driver door. This impact, in turn, caused the bottle to shatter and a sharp edge of the shattered bottle created a laceration on the worker's left thumb. First aid was given, and they were returned to full duty.

No matter how small a task may seem, it is always important to make sure that any and all appropriate PPE is being worn – as to avoid any unnecessary injuries. Had this worker been wearing the proper PPE (in this case, gloves), then the laceration could have been avoided entirely. Even though this was a less severe example of improper PPE usage and how it may go wrong, it is always important to make sure that you are wearing any PPE necessary.

When going into any task, it is important to make sure that you appropriately evaluate any hazards which may come up while doing something – no matter how small it may be. Doing so will make sure that you remain the safest you can be while also efficiently completing any tasks you may be working on.



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