



HEALTH, SAFETY,
& ENVIRONMENTAL



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Worker Carrying Scaffold Bars Injures Thumb

A recent RECORDABLE incident occurred when a worker hit the corner of a box with the four foot scaffold bars he was carrying.

The worker turned a corner to place the bars in the rack. When turning to position the bars to place in the rack, he misjudged the clearance of the bars, hitting the box he was next to. The bars slipped and fell from his grip, and while trying to catch them, he pinched his thumb.



Everyone is reminded to be sure of your surroundings when manually carrying objects, especially long or bulky objects.

Carrying lengthy or bulky objects creates line-of-sight issues, increases the risk of striking people or structures, and can lead to strains, sprains, and loss of balance due to awkward body positioning. Always assess the load, maintain clear visibility, use proper lifting techniques, and get assistance or mechanical support when needed.

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

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