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Cut to Thigh From Pressure Washer

We were recently notified that an employee received a small cut on his leg while using a pressure washer to clean a trailer. After review of the incident, we identified a few key factors and corrective actions that we would like to share.

Incident Summary

An employee was pressure washing the inside of a transport trailer. Due to the restricted height of the trailer the best way to position himself was to sit down while cleaning the trailer. While cleaning, they passed the wand of the pressure washer close to his leg and struck his inner thigh causing a laceration.

Incident Factors

1. Performing this task required the individual to be in tight quarters.
2. The task had been completed this way in the past without incident, therefore the line of fire was overlooked as a hazard.
3. Although the task was risk assessed and planned, the line of fire was not recognized during the pre-planning.

Root Causes

1. The use of the pressure washer was not identified in the JSEA.
2. Line of fire hazard was not identified in the LAW process.

Recommended Actions

1. Update cleaning tank conventional JSEA to include the use of a pressure washer and the potential hazards and appropriate controls.
2. Cover update of the JSEA with crew in the morning safety meeting.
3. Update JSEA in SharePoint.

Please remember when pre-task planning and completing paperwork, assess each task like it's your first time. This will help to identify all hazards involved in the task.

If you should have any further questions or concerns regarding this Alert, please contact the Corporate HSE department.

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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