



HEALTH, SAFETY,
& ENVIRONMENTAL



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Trip & Fall Incident

Incident Summary

A worker moved to avoid a line-of-fire hazard associated with a crane lift and tripped in a congested work area. During the fall, the worker struck his knee on an exposed pipe support, resulting in an injury. The incident investigation identified poor housekeeping, changing work conditions, and a lack of communication as key contributors.

What Went Wrong?

The work area contained multiple hazards, including exposed pipe stands and restricted walking paths. As conditions changed throughout the day, crews returned from lunch and resumed work without conducting a post-lunch tailgate meeting or reassessing hazards. Stop Work Authority (SWA) was not utilized despite the increased congestion and changing work environment.

Key Learnings

- **Housekeeping is a safety control.** Keep walkways clear and eliminate trip hazards immediately.
- **Conditions change—plans must change.** Conduct a Safety Pause or tailgate meeting whenever work conditions, personnel, or hazards change.
- **Use Stop Work Authority.** Every employee has the responsibility to stop work when conditions become unsafe.
- **Maintain line-of-fire awareness.** Always identify safe escape routes before beginning lifting, demolition, or high-risk activities.
- **Communicate continuously.** Effective coordination between crews prevents conflicting activities and unexpected exposures.

Required Actions

- Maintain good housekeeping throughout the shift.
- Remove, cap, barricade, or otherwise protect exposed hazards.
- Conduct a post-break Safety Pause whenever work conditions have changed.
- Reinforce and exercise Stop Work Authority when hazards increase.
- Ensure all personnel understand the day's work plan and potential line-of-fire exposures.

Safety Reminder

Hazards rarely occur in isolation. Poor housekeeping, changing conditions, and ineffective communication can quickly combine to create injury potential. Stay alert, reassess conditions often, and never hesitate to use Stop Work Authority when something does not look right.

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

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