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Proper PPE Usage While Welding

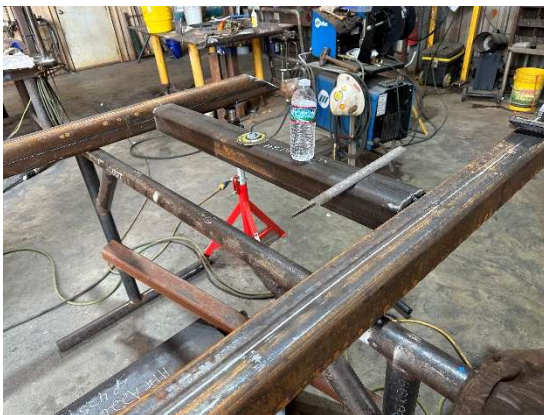
Recently, a report came in where a welder was welding a cross brace onto a steel structure. As he was working on the structure, he lifted his welding hood in the middle of work. Once he did this, the grinder he was working with kicked back, thus making a laceration on the welder's face as a result of a lack of facial protection.

There are a few factors which can go into an incident such as this occurring on the worksite, with those being:

- Outside pressure to complete a job as a faster pace.
- Failure in following proper welding safety procedures.
- Not using the provided personal protective equipment in a proper manner.

Whenever working on tasks such as welding, it is important to understand that being aware of how you are working and maintaining proper safety procedure is crucial in making sure that workplace incidents do not occur. Along with this, working at a proper pace is vital. There should never be any pressure which makes someone working believe that they should be performing at a faster, yet unsafe pace.

It is also important to make sure that all personal protective equipment is being used in a proper and safe manner; welding equipment such as a welding hood should always remain on your face until the welding is completed. Removing the hood before the job is done could result in minor or even serious injuries to the face.



**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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