

Type of Incident

Hand Injury

Summary of Incident

An associate was working on the element line, moving and packaging cut elements from the guillotine to the element box. During this task, the associate noticed a pair of elements cut by the guillotine sitting in the wrong position. While trying to adjust them, a second pair of elements dropped from the transfer belt striking and cutting the associate's right index finger.

Critical Factors

- The procedure for this operation states that where any intervention is required by associates, the element line must be stopped before any intervention can be taken
- The hand protection being worn by the associate did not offer the right level of protection against cutting hazards

Corrective Actions

- Reinforce the importance of associates following the correct procedure for this task
- Conduct a review of the risk assessment and task procedure. An action plan should be developed for any identified areas of improvements
- Conduct a review of the adequacy of PPE for the task. Review should include consulting with associates, taking onboard any feedback to identify suitable hand protection

Photo(s)

Cut elements



Finger laceration

