

Safety Awareness

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What Happened?

On Tuesday morning, March 6th, two pipefitters working on the BT Project were on the scaffold deck in the pipe rack. They were cutting a short ¾” nipple off a condensate line with a port-a-band saw. One worker was cutting the nipple with the saw using both hands. When the nipple was about to fall, the second worker reached to catch the piece and got cut by the saw on his hand below the thumb causing a serious laceration.



What Contributed?

- The craftsman put his hand in the line of fire of the saw when he attempted to catch the nipple.

What is Being Done?

The contractor on the project had an immediate safety stand down to discuss this incident. An incident investigation is being conducted to determine the root cause of the incident.

What Can I Do?

Always be aware of placing your hands in the line of fire. If you do have to prevent a small piece of material from falling use a fire blanket to form a basket or a bucket in conjunction with the fire blanket.

