



IUEC INCIDENT SUMMARY

CLOSE CALLS, NEAR MISSES AND INJURIES

“INJURY”

April 28th 2023---IUEC Safety Stand Down Day



Description of Incident

Control Type: Electric

Machine Type: Geared

Speed: 350 FPM

Capacity: 3000 lbs.

Rise: 7 stop

Hoistway Configuration: Simplex



- A repair team was installing counterweight rods in the counterweight frame after adding weights to balance the car
- The rod was hung up and would not go all the way down
- The mechanic twisted the rod to free it up when suddenly the rod dropped pinching his pinkie finger
- When he removed his glove, he saw damage to his finger and sought medical attention
- The mechanic went to an urgent care facility where he received eight stitches to repair his finger
- Current status:
 - The mechanic returned to work and there was no lost time



Recommendations and Lessons Learned



- Always follow the company safety policy
- Always perform a JHA/JSA per company policy
- Always follow the SOP

- Possible Root Causes
 - The repair team did not perform a JHA/JSA
 - The mechanic put his hand in a pinch point

- Identify potential pinch point hazards prior to starting work. Maintain stable footing and be properly braced while performing work.
- Be aware of the position of hands, fingers and feet at all times
- Gloves should not be worn in proximity to moving machinery or exposed pinch points. Employees will follow the manufacturers recommendation regarding the use of gloves while operating power tools and equipment.