



# IUEC INCIDENT SUMMARY

CLOSE CALLS & INJURIES

“INJURY”

September 25, 2023

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April 28<sup>th</sup> 2024---IUEC Safety Stand Down Day



## Description of Incident

Control Type: Electric

Machine Type: Gearless

Speed: 200 ft/min

Capacity: 3,500 lbs.

Rise: 6 Stops

Hoistway Configuration: Simplex

- An apprentice was loading a counterweight frame while standing on an 8-foot stepladder. The frame travels within a combination bracket, so it was necessary to place the ladder next to the main rail. After setting a filler weight in the frame the apprentice repositioned himself to receive another filler weight from the mechanic.
- The team was unaware that one of the ladder legs was on the sump pump grating. As the apprentice shifted his weight, the ladder became unstable, and he lost his balance. The apprentices' arm contacted the edge of the rail and slid downward causing a laceration about 2 inches long and ¼ inch deep.
- The apprentice was able to step off the ladder into the lobby and the mechanic administered first aid. The apprentice drove himself to the emergency room for treatment.

### Current Status:

Physicians cleaned the laceration and four staples were inserted to close the wound. He was cleared to return to work the same day.

His supervisor met him at the hospital and on the way back to the job purchased cut resistant arm sleeves.



# Recommendations & Lessons Learned

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

## Possible Root Causes:

- Failure to follow the company policy on ladders
- The ladder was not on level ground

## OSHA Construction Industry Regulations

1926.1053 - Ladders

1926.1053(b)(6) Ladders shall be used only on stable and level surfaces unless secured to prevent accidental displacement.

