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Originator: Executive Director, Physical Plant

Reference: Incident Prevention

Slips, Trips and Falls:

While shoveling snow in icy conditions, the employee slipped and experienced a fall that resulted in injury to the right wrist.

Root Cause: Loss of balance, traction and grip due to conditions.

Safety Moment: During adverse weather conditions make a determination of the necessary PPE to protect against the hazards of the work assignment. Survey the path of travel before starting the assigned work to make certain the path is safely walkable.

Note: Safety Management Professionals are investigating several traction devices for consideration and approval for use. Details of standardization is pending completion of trail.

The assigned activity was to pick up a two-yard waste container, with one operator running controls. An abnormal operation of the equipment occurred, and the affected employee stepped quickly back to avoid being struck. The employee fell and experienced an injury to the lower torso.

Root Cause: Improper positioning; employee must be clear of the equipment/container during operation.

Safety Moment: When completing a pre-activity briefing, employees will communicate to each other where they will be positioned to make certain no one is at-risk of being impacted by the equipment or the container.

Struck by | Walking into | Falling Objects:

The assigned activity was to prepare a door for a new lock with a hole saw. While using a screwdriver to change the hole saw bit, the employee unintentionally engaged the trigger of the drill. The screwdriver spun around and struck him in the right hand, resulting in several lacerations.

Root Cause: Failure to disconnect power resulted in the release of hazardous energy and loss of control. Tool was not properly prevented from starting-up during the bit change.

Safety Moment: Verify that control or elimination of all stored energy has been part of the pre-activity lock-out/tag-out process.

Near Miss:

Employee was using air-acetylene torch to aid in the removal of rubber embedded in a pipe. While working at the shop bench, a piece of rubber fell off and caused a fire when it landed on top of the acetylene tank.

Root Cause: Work area was not suitable for hot work.

Safety Moment: Combustible materials must be removed/protected within a 35-foot radius of hot-work. Cylinders must be positioned/located where hot material/sparks cannot come in contact with them. Make sure you know where your fire extinguisher is and you know how to use it.