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Originator:	Executive Director: Physical Plant
Reference:	Incident Prevention

Body Positioning

Employee backed their vehicle into the raised lift gate of another vehicle resulting in a busted rear window. The employee reached through the broken window with a vacuum hose to clean-up and cut a finger on broken glass in the window frame.

Root Cause: Traffic accident; failure to visually inspect area before backing.

Safety Moment: Be sure to establish your “Safe 360” before operating a vehicle. Get out and perform a walk around of your vehicle to identify hazards and clearances. Use a spotter when in high hazard areas. If you are in an accident, be sure to take the necessary time to collect yourself; you are more prone to make additional errors after being involved in an incident.

Employee was driving a hardwood stake into the ground with a hammer and struck the back of their hand.

Root Cause: Failure to include the proper tool for the task resulted in the employee’s hand being in the line of fire.

Safety Moment: Use tools that keep hands out of the line of fire when using a hammer. If you don’t have access to a tool that would mitigate a particular hazard, make sure to include other controls, such as additional rest breaks to reduce fatigue.

Employee was removing a 9” knife from the original product packaging. As the employee was removing the knife, they drew the cutting edge of the blade across their other hand’s index finger resulting in a laceration.

Root Cause: Failure to wear PPE (cut resistant gloves), when handling and working with sharps (knives).

Safety Moment: Reinforce knife safety procedures and use of PPE, as communicated in the recent knife safety training.

Struck by

The roll bar for a mower caught on a large wood trellis causing the trellis to fall on the operator.

Root Cause: Using a different mower with a higher profile roll bar resulting in the misjudgment of the equipment height

Safety Moment: Survey the work area prior to starting a task to identify hazards and how to avoid them. Use of warning devices on equipment to provide a warning prior to striking an object. In this case - warning flags on the front of the mower at the same height or slightly higher than the roll bar.

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