



CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY INCIDENT ALERT

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DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Near Miss - Dropped Object

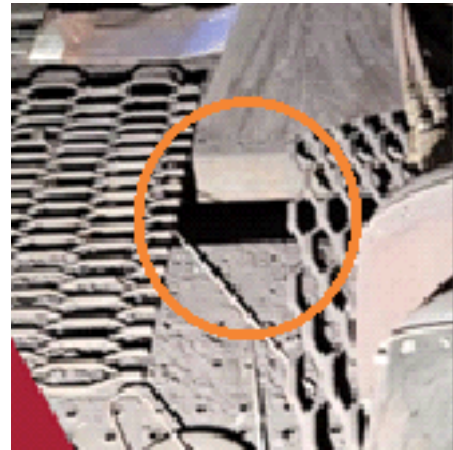
An employee was working on a scaffold platform approximately 18ft above the ground floor.

A brace was removed, which left an opening in the working platform. The employee laid a 3lb ball pin hammer on the platform and it dropped through the opening in the grating, deflected off a structure, and then struck a worker. Luckily the worker was wearing a hard hat that protected them.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- If the work requires an open hole to be created, have procedures in place to ensure that no workers are working in the area below.
- Ensure all areas are appropriately signed and/or barricaded to ensure workers are staying out of the drop zone.
- Use tool lanyards, nets, or other devices to prevent objects from falling below.
- Increase inspections to include open holes in structures where tools, equipment, materials, etc. can fall through.
- Continued education with workers about hazard identification and dropped objects

**Ask yourself
“Could this happen here?”**



Key Take Away

Ensure any opening in floors or work platforms are identified and either covered, or implement procedures to prevent falls to the to the work area below.

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