

Please report all accidents and near misses. Things happen and it is important to learn from others. Environmental Health and Safety and your colleagues appreciate hearing about incidents, reviewing their causes and learning from them.

WHEN SOMETHING FALLS...

What Happened?

In August 2017, a worker washed spa water containers and moved them to a cart. During the process, one of the lids started to fall and the worker attempted to catch it. As the lid slipped out of his hands, the metal edge cut three of his fingers.

What Went Right?

The worker reported the injury and was treated at the Yale Health Center.

What Should Have Been Done Differently?

Stack loose lids in crates or place lids on their respective spa water container.

What Corrective Actions Have Been Taken?

Personnel were reminded to ensure loads are secure and never attempt to save falling items.

How Can Incidents Like This Be Prevented?

- **Inspect your work area.** Address unsecure items before starting your work.
- **Plan your work.** Ensure you have sufficient space to work. Obtain and utilize crates or containers when carrying items or using carts to transport items which are small/loose.
- **Never attempt to save falling items.** Your health and wellbeing are worth more than the falling item.

