



IUEC INCIDENT SUMMARY

CLOSE CALLS & INJURIES

INJURY

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Description of Incident

Control Type: Electric

Machine Type: Hydraulic

Speed: 200 ft/min

Capacity: 2,500 lbs

Rise: 3 Floors

Hoistway Configuration: Simplex

JHA/JSA Completed: Yes

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- A mechanic was stripping the jacket off a round traveling cable using a cable stripping knife with a hooked blade
 - While stripping the jacket the blade got stuck
 - The mechanic pulled hard on the knife to free it from the traveling cable and pulled it into his gloved left hand cutting himself above his thumb
 - The mechanic was transported to the emergency room for treatment

Current Status:

The laceration required 3 internal stitches and 15 external stitches, and the mechanic will be on light duty for at least 10 days



Recommendations & Lessons Learned

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

Possible Root Causes:

- Improper hand position while using cutting tools
- Using dull or worn cutting tools

Field Employees' Safety Handbook

Section 9 Tools

9.1 Hand Tools

(j) Keep a knife sharp and in a sheath or holder when carrying it on a job. Do not use it for stripping traveling cable; use traveling cable strippers instead. When using a knife, always cut away from your body.

