



IUEC INCIDENT SUMMARY

CLOSE CALLS & INJURIES

INJURY

NOVEMBER 26, 2024

Warning – Contains Graphic Image



Description of Incident

Control Type: Electric

Machine Type: Traction

Work Type: Modernization

Speed: 500 ft/min, Capacity: 3,000 lbs

Rise: 15 Floors

Hoistway Configuration: Duplex

JHA/JSA Completed: Yes

- A modernization crew was installing filler weights into a counterweight frame by hand from the car top
- The apprentice was adding a weight when his middle finger got pinched between two of the weights

Current Status:

The apprentice received several stitches and was placed on limited duty pending a full doctors' release



Photo is for representational purposes



Recommendations & Lessons Learned

- Always follow the company safety policy
- Always perform a JHA/JSA as per company policy
- Always verify and follow company SWPs
- Use a wedge type tool or other device to prevent pinch points

Possible Root Causes:

- Lack of training on company installation tools and methods
- Proper tools for installation were not provided

Field Employees' Safety Handbook

Section 12 Material Handling

12.1 Manual Handling Lifting of Material

(b) Inspect the object to be lifted to determine how it will be grasped. Make sure it is free of sharp edges, protruding nail points, slivers or other hazards that might cause injury to the hands or body. Wear appropriate gloves to protect hands. (See Section 3.)

