



IUEC INCIDENT SUMMARY

CLOSE CALLS & INJURIES

INJURY

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Warning – Contains Graphic Image



Description of Incident

Control Type: Electric

Machine Type: Traction

Work Type: Repair

Speed: 250 ft/min, Capacity: 3,000 lbs

Rise: 14 Floors

Hoistway Configuration: 4 Car Group

JHA/JSA Completed: Yes

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- A repair team was replacing a round traveling cable
 - The apprentice had previously only worked with flat traveling cables
 - The apprentice was using a utility knife with a hooked blade to remove the traveling cable's jacket
 - While making a cut in the outer jacket, the knife slipped, and he pulled the blade into his gloved hand causing a deep laceration

Current Status:

The apprentice received 12 stitches



Recommendations & Lessons Learned

- Always follow the company safety policy
- Always perform a JHA/JSA as per company policy
- Use company approved cable stripping tools

Possible Root Causes:

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

Field Employees' Safety Handbook

Section 9 Tools (Always follow manufacturer's instructions for use of tools.)

9.1 Hand Tools

(o) Always use the proper tool for the job designed for the task at hand.

