

SAFETY ALERT

Hand Injury

Event: A worker was having a coffee break in a lunchroom. The employee was resting his hands behind his head. The employee moved his hands to stand up. When the employee moved his hands, the index finger of his left hand came into contact with the light switch cover. The cut to his finger had to be closed with seven stitches.



Causes: Inadequate design – The light switch had sharp edges

As part of your next safety meeting and/or inspection please cover the following:

- ***Identify light switches that have similar hazards where people could be exposed to the hazard. Replace where required***
- ***Conduct a hazard hunt and correction for other sharp edges. Look for:***
 - ***Banding***
 - ***Sheet metal***
 - ***Cable wickers***
 - ***Metal wickers on threads***
 - ***Metal corners on furniture***
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