



Safety Alert

Lost time Injury – Bungee Cord Eye Incident

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What happened:

At the end of the working day, an operative was folding away a trolley used to transport equipment. A bungee cord (not supplied with the trolley) was being used to secure the folding parts of the trolley while it was stored in the van.

While the operative was attaching one end of the bungee cord to the mid-rail of the trolley, the other end – which had been fixed to the bottom – suddenly detached and struck him just below the left eye. At the time, the operative had already removed his safety glasses as he was in the process of packing away tools.

Call to Action:

The operative was fortunate not to have suffered a more serious injury. The bungee cord narrowly missed the eye but caused sores and discomfort around the area. As a precaution, the operative attended an urgent treatment centre to have the injury assessed by medical professionals.

This incident highlights important safety concerns and serves as a reminder of the potential dangers posed by bungee cords. As a result of the investigation, the following actions are being implemented:

- Immediate removal of all bungee cords from vehicles, sites, and equipment. These are now classified as prohibited items.
- Bungee cords are to be replaced with issued ratchet straps, which are safer and more secure.
- Mandated PPE must be worn until all work is fully completed, including the packing away and stowing of tools and equipment at the end of the day.

Please take this message seriously and act accordingly to ensure your own safety and the safety of others around you.