

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Fort Worth District
Safety & Occupational Health Office
Lesson Learned**

ACCIDENT CATORAGIES: Material Handling, Storage and Disposal

DATE: 14 August 2018

WHAT HAPPENED: Employee was moving a desk with a glass top, and as the employee was putting the glass top back onto the desk, it slide off and broke, causing the employee to slice their right hand and ring finger.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

- Lack of PPE (gloves)
- Improper lifting techniques

RESULTS: 10 stitches on right hand, employee returned to work the next day with no restrictions

LESSON LEARNED:

Reference- EM 385-1-1, USACE SAFETY & HEALTH Requirements Manual

- Employers shall select, and require employees to use, appropriate hand protection when employees' hands are exposed to hazards such as skin absorption of harmful substances, severe cuts or lacerations, severe abrasions, punctures, chemical burns, thermal burns, harmful temperature extremes, high hand vibration and sharp objects. (05.H.01)
- Employees shall be trained in and shall use safe lifting techniques. (14.A.01)

ACTION TAKEN: Two or more employees shall be assigned to a task when moving large objects, in addition proper hand protection will be worn.