



# SAFETY DEPARTMENT

## January 2023 - Scaffolding Brackets



### What Happened?

Employee Owner was moving scaffolding brackets from the top of a stack of EFCO forms into a plastic tote that is used to store brackets. The employee tossed a bracket into the tote, and it bounced off the top stack of the brackets and contacted the Employee Owner's left calf causing injury.

### What Have We Learned? What Were Behaviors or Conditions Contributed? & Reminders:

- The tote was stored next to the EFCO forms which caused toss brackets down to tote and bracket hit EO in leg
- The plastic tote was filled with more scaffolding brackets than were safe
- Group doesn't have enough plastic tote cages for all scaffolding brackets, easy to obtain from Asphalt Branch
- EO tossed scaffolding bracket into tote and bounced out causing an unsafe act, which resulted in injury to calf
- Huddle & assess manual material handling and awkward positions/situations may cause problems.
- Brackets should be neatly stacked in the totes when transported/storing. Approximately 36 brackets per tote

### Facts – Leading Causes of Work-Related Deaths Are Contact with Objects. This Could Include:

- Struck against an object
- Struck by an object
- Caught in an object or equipment
- Caught in collapsing material

