

Safety Share



Incident Title: Near Miss Cleaning Up		Date: March 2018
What happened? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A worker was cleaning up the workshop.• The task involves using a forklift and manual handling to move and place scrap including steel, plastics and other waste materials to their final destination in skip or steel recycle bins.• When manual handling a pile of rubbish, one of the items slipped from the pile and fell. The piece was a sharp section of reinforcing steel that dropped from the workers hands and fell through to the persons boot. The item fell vertically and pierced the workers boot (as shown in photo) missing the steel cap and narrowly missing his foot.• No injury was sustained however potential did exist. Boots were replaced and incident report completed.	<i>Images</i> 	
High risk activities involved <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None applicable to incident.		
Safety Essential <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None applicable		
Contributing Factors (Organisational, Task, Team, Individual) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharpened piece of reinforcing steel as part of waste.• Load not properly bundled and secured.• Lack of care due to simple/minor task.		
Key Learnings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional care to be taken when handling loads even though they may be considered minor.• Watch for sharp (or hazardous) objects in amongst piles of rubbish• Bundle/strap items when necessary• Use mechanical means where appropriate.• Seek assistance from fellow workers if required.		