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Lost Time Accident

Date: February 2008
Re: Lost Time Accident Report

The following DOSH/OSHA Lost Time Accident has occurred. In an effort to prevent similar injuries from occurring at your location, please review the injury summary shown below. Remember that a Supervisor's Incident Report is to be completed and faxed to ERNWest, within 24 hours of notification of the incident. Every accident/incident will be investigated regardless of the extent of injuries. Even a near miss or minor injury can give you causes that may stop a more serious accident from occurring in the future. Your experienced based recommendations and ideas for prevention of such an accident are welcomed and **needed**.

Please provide any such recommendations.

Injury Summary:

Date of Hire:	N/A
Date Of Injury:	1-28-08
Date Reported:	1-28-08
Injury Type:	Broken Left Femur, Chipped Right Elbow

Injury Cause:	An Employee was working on a Louisville extension ladder to adjust spring tensions on a door. The employee was working about 6ft from floor. The ladder was placed against header/wall and the bottom feet were placed against the concrete floor. As the employee was adjusting spring tension on the door, the ladder slipped out from underneath. The employee fell on the concrete injuring his left leg and elbow. Employee was rushed to Auburn Regional Medical Center and was placed on loss time.
Action Taken to Prevent Reoccurrence:	<p>After the incident the safety committee and superintendent conducted an accident investigation. During their investigation they found a couple of items which may have led to the injury.</p> <p>First, one of the two feet on the bottom of the extension ladder was broken off. The second factor was water on the concrete floor. The combination of water on the floor and the broken foot on the ladder led them to conclude that this was what led to the incident. A witness also noticed the employee carrying a bucket of tools up the ladder rather than have someone hand them to him.</p> <p>A mandatory safety meeting was held the next day to address the incident. Employees were required to conduct daily inspections and supervisors were told to report any defected equipment to management. Employees were also told how to properly set a ladder and hazards to be aware of. All employees must use 3 point contact when climbing ladder and will be disciplined for transporting tool buckets up or down ladders.</p>

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