

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself  
*"Could it happen here?"*

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### Sharp Edges on Guide Cart - Incident

Ergonomic mats created an uneven floor surface in the Filing Room. The uneven surface caused a babbitt mold cart to tip over when the wheels got stuck as a worker was adjusting its position.

The worker tried to catch the cart when it started tipping over and the sharp corners of the rack lacerated the worker's forearms. The worker required three stitches on each arm.



The sharp edges on the cart which contacted the employee's forearms as he attempted to catch the cart as it was tipping over.

The edges after rounding off.

## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Round off square edges of a cart.
- Eliminate the hazard. Ensure there is enough room and make carts more ergonomic. Fix the uneven floor surfaces.
- Complete a "sharps" assessment on metals carts.

## MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

- **Ensure a "sharps" assessment has been completed and metal carts are included in the assessment.**

