

## REACHING FOR SAFETY EXCELLENCE EVENT RECAP **DROPPED OBJECTS**

Throughout Project Olympus we had 33 dropped objects. A falling object has the potential to cause a fatal injury. We must be accountable for our work areas. It is our responsibility to ensure loose material is properly stored, that our knots are secure when hoisting material, that we have made every effort to stop the drop. We must identify what could fall, and what the outcome could be if it were to hit someone. By identifying how badly someone below could be hurt we will be more inclined to completely eliminate the hazard rather than accepting it.

Review the dropped object incidents below that happened during this years turnaround event and discuss what could have been done to stop the drop.

- Gas testing wand got caught on the ladder cage falling to the ground.
- The head of a rubber mallet fell approx. 100ft. into an uncontrolled area.
- While lowering a bucket of mortar for refractor from level 7 to level 4 of the CO boilers the gin wheel rope separated at the splice for the tail of the hook causing the bucket of mortar to fall to grade approx. 40 ft.
- Workers were removing material from scaffold on E side of F2 furnace when a knot on the ginwheel came undone and a piece of 2X4 grating fell 15-20ft into a flagged off area.

**LEADERS' QUESTION TO WORKERS:**  
**What could happen if it falls?**