

SONOCO *Near Miss!*



Date: April 16, 2021

Activity: Unloading groceries

What Happened:

Groceries were being unloaded on a location on a rainy day. The galley floor was a bit wet and one of our team took some flattened cardboard boxes and placed them on a wet floor.



A team member didn't know the boxes were there (he was outside at the time) and caught his heel on the box at the door entry. The box slid along the floor with the hand, who was carrying a box. Luckily, he kept his footing and balance and he was unharmed.

Why it Happened:

The team did a JSA before doing the work but did not factor in the possibility of a wet floor creating a slip hazard.

The boxes were put in place by a single person who didn't discuss it first with the team or communicate it with the team.

The person coming into the galley only moments after the boxes were put down was unaware of it.

Typical Hazards/Causes:

- Not communicating an action (or discussing) before doing it.
- Slip hazard due to wet floor
- Using the wrong product to address a problem

Corrective Actions:

- The operation was stopped by another team member who saw the incident.

- The team immediately removed the cardboard and put a rubber-backed floor mat in its place.
- A post-event meeting was held that evening for both day and night crews. They agreed that in the future they would put mats in place before unloading groceries if it was raining, or there was the possibility of rain.
- It was brought up at the platform safety meeting the following morning, and the entire group decided that having two extra floor mats was needed. These were purchased and set aside for future need.

We all know that it's part of the job to work in weather. Managing that aspect of our safety is something we all can do when we plan our work.