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What Happened?

Staff member was incinerating waste cardboard. Flask of flame came up through the folded cardboard box as staff member was pushing the box into the incinerator bin.

Impact

Burn sensation to staff member's RH palm. Became painful later and blister formed. Staff member checked out by medical center. Risk of infection to be closely.

Potential Causes

Use of incinerator without leather gloves.

Unanticipated flame flare up through the folded cardboard box



Photo Caption

Lessons Learnt

- Anticipation of possible flare back from fire
- Folded cardboard box makes an effective 'chimney' for the flames to travel up
- Use of suitable PPE to be worn during such work (leather gloves, protective overalls and face shield)

Comments

- Incident report 4878 in Priide Safe
- Staff Member concerned informs that the burn is not too painful and looks worse than it feels
- Staff member will monitor closely for any sign of infection

*If it's not safe then find a better way...
someone expects you home today!*