



# TAKE A STAKE IN SAFETY

A Monthly Safety Newsletter for the Employees of Gray & Son

## April 2023 Incidents

<b>Auto Accidents</b>	
Foreman's Truck VC 581 was sitting on Harford Rd. preparing to make a left on to Joppa Rd. A pickup truck pulling a camper passed VC 581 going in the opposite direction. The pickup had extended mirrors mounted to pull the camper. The pickup's driver's side mirror struck VC 581's driver's side mirror. The truck and camper kept on going. VC 581 received a broken spot mirror. No injuries.	
Small Dump Truck VM247 was driving toward the Finksburg Plant on MD 91. VM 247 came to a stop behind a 2017 Lexus at a red light. The driver of VM 247 began looking at his cell phone and was distracted by some other issues. He then drifted into the back of the Lexus. The driver of the Lexus called MD State Police. Information was exchanged. The driver of the Lexus was not injured at that time. Our driver is Ok. Rear end damage to the Lexus. No damage to VM247.	
At the Avalon site, Lowboy VP 156 was backing up to hook back up to his trailer. The driver maneuvered the truck around a pile of millings but a trench box panel was sticking out over the curb into the roadway. The front bumper on the passenger side struck the trench box. The bumper was pulled forward and bent. No injuries.	
Dump Truck MVM 744 side swiped two parked cars in a neighborhood Gray was paving. Passenger side front fender was damaged on one vehicle. The other vehicle's driver's side mirror was damaged. Baltimore County Police responded to the scene and information was exchanged. No damage to MVM 744. No injuries.	
Dump Truck MVM 742 was driving on the I/L of 695 near Harford Rd. His tailgate was not locked. #8 stones coming out of the truck struck numerous vehicles. Some vehicles alerted the driver to pull over. Driver admitted he never checked the gate before he left the plant. Three complaints have come in so far.	
Dump Truck VM 739 was approaching the red light at Padonia Rd across from the quarry entrance. VM 739 was in the lane to cross Padonia Rd when a private vehicle side swiped the truck on the truck's passenger side. Both vehicles pulled across Padonia Rd. into the quarry entrance. Information was exchanged and Baltimore Co. Police were notified. A report number was given. The car received rear fender damage to the driver's side. VM 739 had a brush mark on the front bumper. No injuries. All parties drove away.	
Foreman's Truck VC 189 was sitting on the parking lot of Georgiana Ct. The foreman went to place the truck into park but put it in reverse instead. His foot was on the accelerator at the time. The truck then backed up striking a fence at 15mph. No injuries. VC 189 had rear bumper, tailgate, rear tail light and fender damage to the passenger side. A fence post and several rails were damaged. Fence repair will be taken care of by Gray.	
	<b>TOTAL \$29,969.82</b>
<b>General Liability</b>	
Demo employee struck an overhead door in the Texas yard. He was driving Foreman's Truck VC 162. The door was bent and has two, 2" perforations. The door is safe to use. No injuries. *On-going.	
	<b>TOTAL \$180.00+</b>
<b>Worker's Comp</b>	
A shop employee was using a 4 inch hand grinder when the wheel on the grinder shattered. A piece of the wheel struck him on his lower R leg. He received a small cut requiring 4 stitches and returned to work after treatment. He was wearing proper PPE.	
A man was walking his dog down a street when the dog approached our flagger in a friendly manner. However, when the flagger reached out to pet the dog, the dog snapped at him. The flagger received minor abrasions on his R index and middle fingers and was given 1st Aid. Baltimore County Police responded to the site to investigate this matter. Our employee is fine.	
A Demo crew was removing iron pipe in the basement of the Ft. Myers site. One employee was cutting the iron pipe while two other employees were steadying the pipe hanging from the ceiling. After the cut was made, the one employee holding the pipe, lost control of the pipe. The pipe fell and pinched his R thumb against another piece of pipe. He was taken to George Washington University Hospital ASAP. The hospital said he needed to be seen by an orthopedic doctor who placed a splint on his R thumb. *On-going.	
	<b>TOTAL \$1,174.50+</b>
<b>Near Miss</b>	
An employee was using the 2nd floor ladies restroom in the main office. When leaving the stall, the hinge on the stall door broke and struck the employee on the big toe of the L foot. The employee is fine, no treatment was necessary.	
	<b>TOTAL \$60.00</b>

### Utility Hits

A communication line was damaged at the Ft. Meyer site by a Demo Crew. The Army notified the general contractor of the disruption of service. The contractor had the line repaired on site. No injuries.

Dump Truck VM 744 was dumping a load of millings off of Kirkwood Shop Rd near Browns Junk Yard. When pulling away from the pile, overhead lines were struck. The lines were caught under the cab shield. BGE and Verizon were notified ASAP. BGE removed a Verizon, Comcast & BGE neutral line from the truck. No lines or poles were broken. BGE & Verizon arrived and put all lines back in

A Stone Crew was grading for sidewalk in Carroll Co. when an underground dog fence cable was damaged by Gradall GD 444 while excavating. Gray was not at fault because before work began, all homeowners were sent a letter to be aware of any private underground cables near the county right away.

Utility Crew struck an unmarked Comcast line at the Emerson Club House site. Verizon and Comcast were noti-

**TOTAL \$856.75+**

**APRIL TOTALS \$32,241.07+**

**SAFETY CORNER:** June is Trench Safety Month Remember the 5-4-3-2-1 Rules  
5 feet deep trenches must have a protective system in place such as a trench box.  
4 feet deep trenches must have a ladder for exit and egress.  
3 feet is the height the ladders should extend from the excavation for easy access and exit.  
2 feet is the distance away that any excavated materials must be from the edge of the excavation.  
1 competent person must be present at the excavation site when workers are in the excavation.

Thank you,  
The Safety Dept.

## Claims Summary *January 1, 2023–April 30, 2023*

Number of Claims	Type of Claims	Costs to Date
17	Auto Accidents	\$ 33,745.51
5	General Liability	\$ 2,280.00
17	Workers Comp	\$ 24,916.72
3	Theft & Vandalism	\$ 2,952.95
10	Utility Hits	\$ 1,816.75
5	Equipment	\$ 4,780.00
4	Near Miss	\$ 710.00
0	Work Zone	\$ -
61	Total Incidents	\$ 71,201.93

## 2023 Risk Management Goals *January 1, 2023–April 30, 2023*

Gray & Son Inc. *goals are tentative		
2023 Goal	Type	Actual
5	Recordable Injuries	5
0	Lost Time Injuries	1
9	At-Fault Vehicle	5
11	At-Fault Equip./Prop.	6
3	At Fault Utility Hits	1

**The Bottom Line- Carelessness is Costly!**