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Hard hat deflects blow for worker

An estimated 400-pound object struck a contract worker early Wednesday at a Decatur steel plant, but a hard hat reportedly thwarted a serious injury.

Decatur Fire and Rescue arrived at Nucor, on Alabama 20 West, finding a worker injured from the heavy object.

Firefighters placed a medical helicopter crew on standby, but after ascertaining the man's injury decided to transport him by ambulance to Decatur General.

The injured man is employed by Scheck Steel, a Nucor spokeswoman said, and was performing preventive maintenance at the plant.

The object reportedly crushed the man's hard hat. Hospital medical staff treated and released him, the spokeswoman said.

A Scheck Industries safety director said the company is conducting an investigation into how the accident happened. He didn't release the injured man's name.

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