

HAZARD ALERT

Pinch/Crush Points

Description of the Incident

A worker was releasing material from the bed of a partially raised dump truck when they slammed the tailgate to loosen and release material. The worker's hand was pinched between the tailgate and the latch, resulting in a serious injury to the worker's thumb.

Causes of the Incident

- The pinch/crush point hazard was not identified during the JARR assessment.
- Hazards were not reassessed when the truck was positioned under overhead obstruction, limiting the elevation of the box, leading to the worker slamming the tailgate.
- Worker placed his hand in the Line of Fire.

Preventative Actions

- Always conduct JHA's and JARR cards prior to conducting work activities to identify potential hazards and controls.
- Ensure all workers are aware of potential hazards and safe work practices.
- Always follow safe work practices and procedures.
- If the planned work changes, step back and reassess potential hazards.
- Ensure body positioning does not put worker in Line of Fire.
- If you are not able to unload material at desired location, dump material in a safe location and move material by other means i.e. equipment, wheelbarrow.
- Always stand clear of the back of a raised truck as material could suddenly release.

Contact the EHS Department for further information.

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