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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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Line of Fire / Pinch Point Near Miss

A recent High Potential (*Near fatal*) near miss happened recently on one of GIS's facilities. Workers loaded a Connex box onto the back of a flatbed trailer with a forklift. After binding the box to the trailer for travel, one of the workers went to talk to the forklift operator about where to park the forklift. At the same time, the truck driver hauling the Connex box went to leave the site. Unexpectedly to the worker and the forklift operator, the truck had to reverse to get out from behind other equipment in front of it.

This placed the worker between the truck and the forklift, in a **PINCH POINT** and in a critically bad spot. The worker was actually pinched between the trailer and the forklift. Luckily, he was not seriously hurt. The following are findings from the investigations and recommended corrective actions:

- There was no JSEA completed for the task, therefore no formal conversation about the plan of work, which should include the truck leaving once it was loaded.
- There should always be a spotter assigned to assist equipment when being moved in tight work areas.
- Backup alarms are being installed on all trucks in this division.
- **NEVER** put yourself in the **LINE of FIRE** or **PINCH POINT** between two pieces of moving equipment.

While this worker was able to walk away from this Near-Miss Incident, please remember that situations like this can be avoided by proper body placement and effective communication.

Our LIFE Processes (JSEA's, Safe to Start Conversations, etc.) are meant to initiate communication and create understanding of what each team member's task is. Proper communication and establishment of a work plan will always help to keep us safe.

***Report all incidents immediately to the Hotline
1-855-543-5163.***

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