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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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## High Potential Incident - Loading a Basket

A crew was loading spool piping into an 8'x24' basket. One member of the crew was standing inside of the basket to help place the objects in a proper position. Another worker that was standing outside of the basket controlling the suspended load suddenly let go of the pipe which resulted in the suspended load shifting then striking the employee standing in the basket in the stomach and leg.

### Root Causes:

- **Avoiding Pinch Points** - Employees shall never place any part of their body in a potential pinch point while working with a suspended load.
- **Watching where working** - The employee should have maintained situational awareness while performing this task knowing that he was in a dangerous position standing in the basket.
- **Communication** - The two employees did not maintain proper communication that resulted in not being prepared for an unexpected shift of the load.

### REMEMBER!

When working with suspended loads that are hooked to a lifting device, the serious threat of significant hazards to people always exists.

- ✓ It is the responsibility of every employee to ensure that they constantly maintain the awareness of the location of their body positioning throughout a task.
- ✓ NO employee shall ever enter a basket as long as the item is still hooked to any lifting device. You shall wait until the item has been unhooked and the load set down before deciding to step into a basket.
- ✓ Employees shall always be aware of the dangers of shifting items while loading and unloading baskets.

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



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