SAFETY ALERT

ASK YOURSELF "Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

PIECE OF STEEL FELL FROM ABOVE

A clean-up employee was shoveling debris underneath the MGR into a vibrating conveyor when a piece of steel (chain capture) 15'x8'x3/8 weighing approximately 10 lbs fell to the ground and landed about 2' in front of them.

The piece of steel was believed to be left behind from previous maintenance work. It is uncertain how long the piece of steel could have been there before it fell.





Probable location of the piece of steel before the incident. Distance from top of cross member to the ground is just over 4'.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Review the incident with maintenance teams to ensure they understand that housekeeping standards must be upheld, and all items must be put away after maintenance work is completed.
- Inspect the site to ensure no parts or other items have been left in an unsafe and elevated position.
- Review the incident with all employees to discuss the importance of inspecting elevated areas for hazards when starting or finishing and a job/task. It may not be possible to see all items during the pre-work hazard assessment and lockout process.





IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

When working in the basement or underneath equipment pay attention to the hazards above you.

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