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# SAFETY ALERT

## DRIVER PINCHES HAND AT TRAILER HOIST

### Description of the Event:

- While using the trailer hoist to lower the rear trailer onto the lead, the driver had to reposition the trailer during the sequence using the hoist controls, and accidentally lowered the trailer further instead of moving it horizontally.
- The driver had reached out to stabilize the trailer with his left hand during the process, and two fingers were caught between the handle of the dolly leg and frame of the lead trailer.
- The driver was familiar with the safe use of the hoist.

### Contributing Factors

- The driver used his hand to move the trailer into position using the handle on the dolly leg rather than a pike pole.
- The driver mistakenly lowered the trailer rather than raising it using the controls.

### Note:

During the investigation the following was noted:

- Directional arrows were worn off on hoist controls
- Pike pole use was cumbersome due to overall length



### Suggested Actions

- Ensure pike pole is an appropriate length for drivers to use effectively in positioning trailer while also maintaining safe distancing.
- Ensure directional arrows on the hoist control pad are clearly visible.
- Ensure pike pole and hoist control pad are inspected frequently and replaced/ repaired as required.
- Ensure safe work procedures are posted in a visible location at the trailer hoist.



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