

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
"Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

A Contract log truck driver had raised their trailer to the yellow skirting. The driver let go of the hoist control pendant and moved toward the truck cab to back the truck up under the raised trailer.

When the driver had let go of the pendant, the "up" button had stuck, causing the trailer to continue to be lifted upwards. The trailer frame came in contact with the hoist and eventually broke, causing the trailer to fall to the ground, bouncing at least once and damaging the trailer.



QR Code access a 2010 WSBC safety alert for trailer hoist.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Replace existing hoist control pendants on trailer loaders with an IP66 rated handheld controller, which is more durable.
- If not already developed create a trailer loader SWP and post at all trailer loaders. Include within the SWP direction that drivers must depress the red "Stop" button on hoist controls, and ensure the hoist has stopped raising the trailer, prior to releasing the hoist control.
- Consider setting a primary upper limit switch to a lower height to prevent trailers going all the way to the top.
- Ensure that all trailer hoists receive annual and pre-use inspections by a qualified employee

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Annual and pre-use inspections for all hoist systems help to identify safety issues.

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