

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
"Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Cranes/Rigging

An employee was using a spreader bar to lift a paper wrap roll. The spreader bar has two hooked ends—one fixed and one adjustable - which is held in place by a spring-loaded pin.

As the roll was being lifted, it caught on the wall or the railing causing the the spring-loaded pin on the adjustable side to retract and release the hook from the roll. The roll dropped and fell onto the chain run and then slid off, ending up on the main pedestrian walkway.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Make sure there's enough clearance around the load before lifting.
- If needed, reposition the load to avoid any obstructions during the lift.
- Use taglines when lifting in tight or obstructed areas to help guide the load safely.
- Only trained personnel should operate lifting equipment—ensure everyone involved has received proper training.
- Review any guarding or protective systems, especially above walkways, to prevent materials from falling into pedestrian areas in the event of a failure.
- When lifting over a walkway, always cordon off the area or have a spotter in place to prevent access and keep people out of harm's way.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

When performing lifts, always consider blocking off areas beneath and around the lift to maintain a safe zone.

Having a spotter allows the lift operator to focus on the task at hand while the spotter can monitor the area and keep it clear.

