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Type of incident : Laceration and narrow escape

Summary:

During unloading activities, a contractor's Driver pulled a truck side board, which was temporarily blocked; the board turned and hit His head causing a laceration.

N.B.: The episode shows the hazard of a potential multiple domino effect, since a S&T heat exchanger was located on the opposite side of the truck base without support saddles; instead, a metal frame was put against the S&T: there was, indeed, the double risk of the frame fall and, then, of the S&T too.



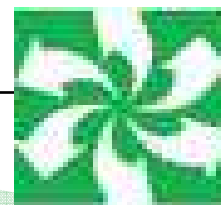
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- Unsafe position of the Operator during handling activities;
- omission of use of the extension bar;
- omission of use of helmet;
- inefficient truck maintenance;
- sudden rotation of the board.

Actions Taken Thus Far: Next Steps

- Ensure regular maintenance of the truck;
- the Driver is to stay apart from the board;
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- make compulsory the use of helmet;
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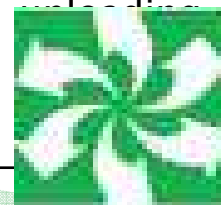
() N.B.: The snapshot indicates that a further unsafe condition has been put in place by the contractor; in fact, he has used a metal frame to block a heat exchanger, omitting to fix it with suitable wood saddles: such wrong provision might by bringing to the movement of the heat exchanger after the displacement of the frame.*

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