

Worker Pinned by Container

Activity:

Incident Description:

A container hit a continuous pipe hand railing as it was being loaded. The railing then bent inwards towards the walkway. The railing contacted the employee, who was approximately 1m away behind another container (away from the moving container, as per standard procedure), giving guidance to the crane driver.

The operation was halted, and the person involved was transported to the Emergency Department as a precaution and sustained minor injuries.

Potential Outcome:

A serious injury or fatality could have resulted if the situation had been only slightly different. A high-potential event triggers a formal investigation to be completed.

Causes (Immediate, Root Causes):

An inspection process will be added to identify and eliminate risk from railings on bay walkways that are not sectioned.



Figure 1 - Right-hand brown container was the container that hit the railing. The stanchion on the left is where the person was standing.

Lessons Learned:

This hazard has been eliminated by closing walkways with similar hand railing configurations where containers are being loaded at the same height, and there is a risk of hand railings being contacted