

NEAR MISS REPORT

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Re: Near Miss

This type of event can not only go un-noticed but on many occasions they are not reported. Recently, a Contract Trucking Mechanic working at a _____, prevented a serious incident from happening to himself as the result of properly pinning the bed of a truck while working underneath. This goes to show how an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Before working in the area near the lift jack on the truck with the bed raised, the mechanic placed the pins in bed retention area to keep the bed from accidentally falling. While working on the truck, the driver returned and asked if it would be ok for him to enter the cab and retrieve some personal items. The mechanic told him this would be ok and the driver proceeded. While in the cab, the driver accidentally moved the bed lever to lower the bed, but due to the fact the retention pins had been placed a most likely fatal injury was prevented.

As a subsequent remedial measure, the following precautions have been implemented by this Contract Firm and should be covered and implemented at your operations.

1. Always block equipment from motion and dissipate any stored energy prior to working on any components that may fall or injure the repair person in any manner.
2. Prior to performing maintenance, a prominent warning device, shall be placed at the operator's workstation by maintenance personnel and no one is allowed in the operators cab unless necessary for coordinated direct communications with the mechanic making the repairs

Additional considerations for stored or residual energy (such as that in capacitors, springs, elevated machine members, rotating flywheels, hydraulic systems, tire repairs and air, gas, steam, or water pressures, etc.) must be dissipated or restrained by methods such as grounding, repositioning, blocking, bleeding down, etc., when such stored energy is recognized that it could create potential hazards to the employee should always be considered.