



TOOLBOX TALKS

Caught In/Between Toolbox Talk # 3 Working Safely Near Moving/Energized Parts

Ask the following questions and give time for answers.

What are the hazards? Bodily contact with moving and energized parts, potential and stored energy

What are the results? Broken or crushed limbs and bones, suffocation, punctures, head injury, internal damage, amputations, and death

What should we look for? Machine guards, moving and energized parts, nip-points, lockout/tagout, loose/hanging clothing, jewelry and hair

Actual Incident:

In October 2017, a 25 year old employee was repairing a truck. He was replacing a damaged hydraulic line, which involved fastening and tightening fasteners on the new hose. The truck had a tip bed. The hose was located behind the cab. The bed was elevated, so that the employee could access the hose. The employee was working between the frame of the truck and its bed. The bed was not secured or blocked to prevent unintentional, unexpected release of stored energy. The bed fell, striking the employee and pinning him between the frame and the bed. The employee was fatally injured.



Let's talk about this site now.

- * How can you prevent accidental contact with energized equipment and moving parts? *Guard moving and energized parts or lockout/tagout.*
- * What should you do if you notice a missing or broken/altered guard? *Do not use equipment, shut it down when it is safe to do so and inform the supervisor of the danger.*
- * Does your company have a machine guarding safety program? Have you read it?

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