

Type of Incident Work Injury – Personnel Injury- MTI

Key Issues Lack of Awareness on Developing Hazards

INX Ref No 63799

Date & Time Saturday, June 26, 1645 hrs
Location Yard 2 bay at Warehouse 127

Injury Medical Treatment Injury - Cut on top upper left side lip

DESCRIPTION

On Saturday 26 June 2021, at around 16:45pm, the IP and a forklift operator were loading 793 truck tyres on a drop deck trailer at the Yard 2 bay located at WH127. The IP and forklift operator did a Take Five which referenced the Safe Work Procedure prior to commencing the task. They successfully loaded two tyres on the lower deck of the trailer.

Prior to loading the third and final tyre two 9 metre tie down chains were diagonally placed on top of the tyre. The tyre was then placed on the top deck at which point the hook on the end of the chain became partially stuck under the tyre. The blockage was at a height above the eyeline of the IP. In the process of pulling the chain to release the blockage the hook on the chain came free and struck the IP on the lip that required three stitches. The incident was not reported until Monday morning due to senior personnel being on respite day on Sunday.

LESSONS

- While the IP undertook a take 5 prior to commencing the job there was no take 5 to consider the emerging hazards associated with the hook getting stuck. This was attributed to a lack of hazard awareness and rushing to get a job done.
- While the SWP was thorough in dealing with the loading and unloading o the tyre it was absent in discussing the tie down procedures.
- The requirement to report the incident within 24 hours was not met.

ACTIONS

- Communicate the incident to all team members at pre-start meetings to reinforce the consequence of not following Take 5, JSA and SWP procedures for all tasks, and reporting requirements.
- IP to attend GSI, JSA, Take 5 refresher training
- Revise/Review current SWP and include/exclude using tie down chains
- Ensure adequate coverage of senior staff on all days regardless of respite days

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