

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Railroad Crossing - Potential Multiple Fatality

An empty truck and trailer were crossing the railway track approaching the mill location when the CN Train pushing 16 empty cars struck the truck trying to make it across the crossing.

It was dark and the driver did not notice the train coming or the conductor on the end of the cars.

The conductor was standing on the left side, his view was obstructed by the end of the cars. The conductor jumped on the inside of the rail car to protect him from the impact.

The driver nor the conductor were injured, however they could have both lost their lives.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Add lighting to the railroad crossing to make it easier to see approaching train traffic.
- Ensure all traffic stops at the **STOP** sign to ensure no rail cars are coming. Cross the tracks in low gear and do not change gears while crossing.
- Clear brush- or cut back banks to allow for more visibility. Include areas with potential blind spots in yard inspections to ensure overgrowth does not obstruct the view of oncoming traffic/ trains.
- Ensure complete stop is made prior to crossing a railway crossing.

IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Rail car deliveries can happen at any time of day or night. There is no set schedule for these deliveries.

Remember to always stop and look both ways at all railway crossings.

