

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Lifting & Rigging - Serious Injury

Two millwrights were working on the accumulator of the Sharp Chain HPU (Hydraulic Power Unit). While lifting the accumulator onto the forklift forks, it slipped off, trapping one employee's lower right leg between the accumulator and the motor.

This incident resulted in a serious leg injury.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- **Install a bracketing system:**
Position the accumulator horizontally to allow employees to roll it onto the forks instead of lifting it.
- **Create or update Safe Work Procedure (SWP):** Develop or revise the SWP for this task and post it in the area for future reference.



This pipe is a recreation of the position of the accumulator bottle at time of injury.



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Remind employees to conduct FLHSs (Field Level Hazard Assessments) to identify potential hazards. For example, a metal cylinder being lifted onto metal forks can easily slide off.

