

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
"Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Truck driver struck by falling chips - (SIFp Incident)

A truck driver was preparing their trailer to be loaded with chips. They entered the trailer to set up a belly tarp on the floor.

The loader operator dumped a half bucket of chips and then moved on to dump the remaining half bucket on a different part of the trailer.

The truck driver was struck on the right side of their body by falling chips, fell to the floor and then quickly exited the trailer via the hatch. The driver suffered from a strain injury on their side and arm.



Truck driver still inside trailer while loader dumps half of a bucket.



Truck driver manages to escape via the front trailer hatch.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Clear procedure for loading residuals must be established and communicated to all drivers and loader operators.
- Trailer preparations are to be conducted at a safe and designated area, NOT at the loading ramp.
- The truck driver must be in the designated safe area during the loading process, preferably in the cab.
- The loader operator must confirm the truck driver is in the designated safe area before loading starts.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Trailer preparations must be conducted at a safe and designated area not at the loading ramp.

