



Lessons Learnt – LL046

Northpower employee caught between retracting Hiab rear stabilising leg and truck body

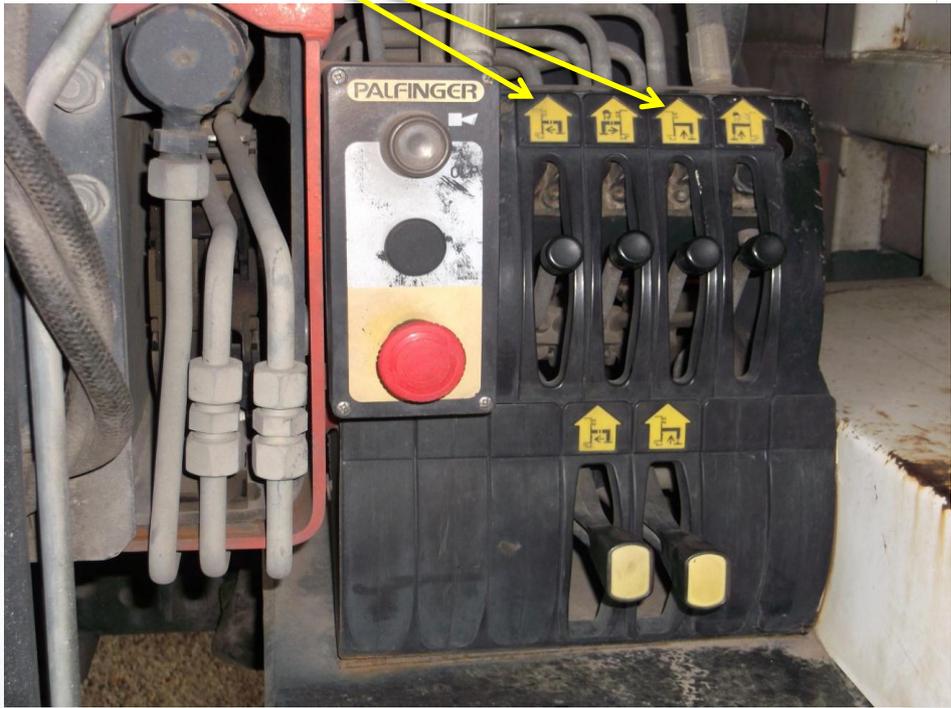
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Date of issue: 22/04/2015

Incident	Description
<i>Date incident happened</i>	14/04/2015
<i>Where it happened</i>	Golden Valley Road, Waihi
<i>What happened</i>	<p>An employee was caught between the retracting Hiab truck stabiliser leg and the body of the truck.</p> <p>During the operation to unload and place a ground-mounted transformer, the Hiab crane truck had to be repositioned. The 2 staff on site went to different sides of the truck to pack away the stabilizer legs to allow the truck to be backed further into the site.</p> <p>One person went to the far side of the truck and approached from the rear meaning the outrigger would be an obstacle as it was only extended a short distance and hard up against a fence. As the person went under the outrigger to access the controls, the other person who was packing away the outrigger on the other side inadvertently operated the wrong lever. This retracted the leg on his colleague’s side pinching his colleague between the leg and the body of the truck.</p>
<i>Why it happened</i>	



<p><i>The important things you should remember about this</i></p>	<p>The operation of any controls on the Hiab trucks should be limited to one nominated operator only and that person should be aware of the movements and location of any other staff in the vicinity of the truck at all times.</p>
<p><i>What you must do in future OR What will happen next</i></p>	<p>Never place yourself between the truck and any suspended loads or between the extended stabiliser legs and the truck body. Make sure you hold a correct and in-date competency for the work being undertaken.</p> <p>An investigation will be completed to identify if the far-side rear leg controls from each operating station can be removed so that only the legs on the same side as that panel can be operated. This would give full visibility during the outrigger set-up and packing up process.</p> <p>Remove these 2 levers so only the near-side legs can be operated from this station</p> 
<p><i>SM-EI Reference/ Hazard Register ID</i></p>	<p><i>(If Applicable)</i></p>
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