

Safety Flash

Report Only Incident

Date of Incident: 12/4/2024

The Incident

An associate was working from an aerial lift approximately 20' above the ground. As the associate moved around in the basket of the lift, their harness caught on the aerial lift control box, which resulted in the controller being knocked off of the lift. The controller fell 20' to the ground, and then struck another associate in the lower left side of their back.

The Causes

- The controller was not secured to the lift by the manufactured pin on the lift rail.
- The missing pin was not identified during the pre-use inspection at the start of the shift.
- Harness caught on the controller.

Prevent It

- When entering the lift at the start of work day, a documented pre-start/pre job inspection needs to be completed to ensure that all safety equipment and manufactured parts are up to compliance.

Action Plan

- Vendor was contacted and directed to send pins for the controllers to the site asap.
- Clamps and/or screws will be used as a temporary measure to secure controllers to the lift until pins arrive from the vendor.
- Documented Pre-Job/Pre-start inspections need to be completed to ensure that each aerial lift is up to compliance before beginning the work day.
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Keep Improving

Your health and safety are the most important part of every project. We need *your* help to eliminate unsafe behaviors and conditions. If you see a safer and better way to do a task, see your supervisor, or contact GEM Safety: Bill Cornett – 419-720-2728. To get personal protection equipment from the warehouse, call 419-720-2688.