



IUEC INCIDENT SUMMARY

CLOSE CALLS & INJURIES

INJURY

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Warning – Contains Graphic Image



Description of Incident

Control Type: Electric

Machine Type: Traction MRL

Work Type: Construction

Speed: 150 ft/min, Capacity: 3,500 lbs

Rise: 4 Floors

Hoistway Configuration: 3 Car Group

JHA/JSA Completed: Yes



- A mechanic and a probationary apprentice completed the installation of CSBs on a new installation and removed the temporary hoist and suspension means
- As they were running down from the top landing using temporary run controls, the apprentice told the mechanic he no longer had control of the running platform
- The crew braced themselves as the car crashed into the pit
- An ambulance was called and the mechanic and apprentice were taken to a nearby hospital

Current Status:

The mechanic sustained a broken leg and cuts to his head. The apprentice shattered bones in his foot and a broke his ankle.



Recommendations & Lessons Learned



- Always follow the company safety policy
- Always perform a JHA/JSA as per company policy
- Always know the required counterweighting
- Never operate a moving work platform without operational safeties or an overspeed device

Possible Root Causes:

- The governor jaws were held open by a shipping pin that had not been removed after installation
- The running platform was improperly counterweighted

Field Employees' Safety Handbook

Section 11 Moving Work Platforms

11.1.1 Running Platforms

(c) The governor shall be installed and roped to the safety releasing arm and tested prior to operation

(e) When required, the running platform shall be counterweighted for the weight of the car platform assembly and its expected load. Counterweights shall be secured from bouncing or being lifted out of the frame.