



# IUEC INCIDENT SUMMARY

CLOSE CALLS & INJURIES

INJURY

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## Description of Incident

Control Type: Electric

Machine Type: Traction MRL

Work Type: Construction

Speed: 350 ft/min, Capacity: 5,000 lbs

Rise: 7 Floors

Hoistway Configuration: Simplex

JHA/JSA Completed: Yes

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- A mechanic and an apprentice completed the installation of CSBs on a new installation and were ready to remove the cable climbing system
  - They were coiling the temporary hoist cable onto the platform while traveling in the down direction
  - As they passed the midpoint of the hoistway, the belts started to lose traction
  - The car accelerated uncontrollably and crashed into the buffers

Current Status:

The mechanic suffered torn ligaments and tendons in his ankle, and the apprentice suffered a sprained 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 rope was not installed at the time of the incident
- 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.

