



IUEC INCIDENT SUMMARY

CLOSE CALLS & INJURIES

INJURY

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Warning – Contains Graphic Image



Description of Incident

Control Type: Electric

Machine Type: Traction

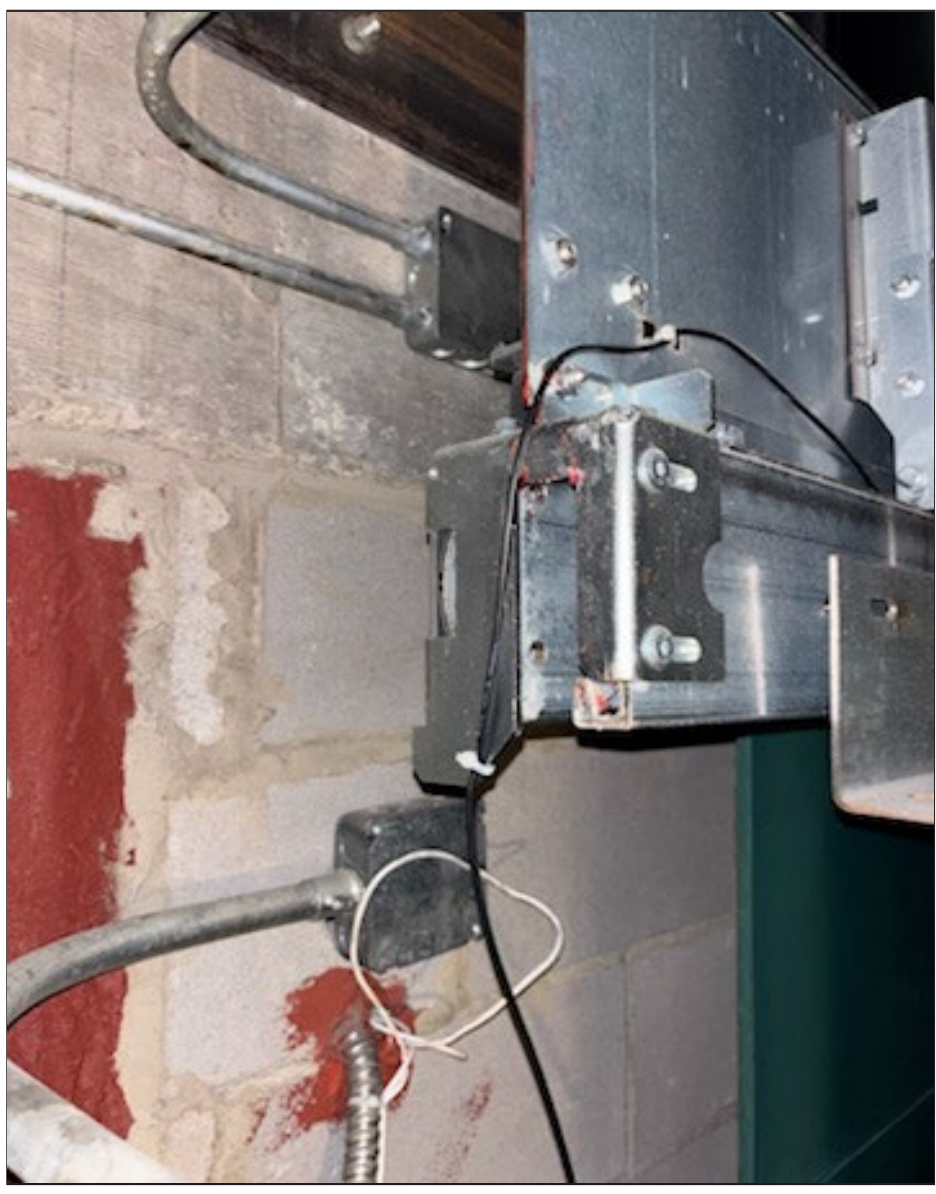
Work Type: Maintenance/Repair

Speed: 500 ft/min, Capacity: 4,500 lbs

Rise: 15 Floors

Hoistway Configuration: 2 Car Group

JHA/JSA Completed: Yes



- A repair team was installing door position switches for an infant security system on the 13th floor of a hospital
- They had to pull wiring from the hoistway into the drop ceiling in the lobby from the cartop
- The mechanic reached into the adjacent hoistway of a running elevator to push the wiring through the wall
- The header of the running elevator caught his hand and pulled it down until his arm hit the divider beam, breaking his hand free

Current Status:

The mechanic required immediate surgery to repair a compound fracture and torn tendons on his right hand. He will have a long recovery.



Recommendations & Lessons Learned

- Always follow the company safety policy
- Always perform a JHA/JSA as per company policy
- Never work in hoistways without controlling the elevators
- Stop work when necessary to provide for safe working conditions

Possible Root Causes:

- Pressure to leave the adjacent car in service
- Pressure to complete the task without changing the time schedule

Field Employees' Safety Handbook

Section 8 Hoistways and Machine Rooms

8.1.2 Safety precautions when working on car tops:

(a) Familiarize yourself with the position of the car and counterweights of the car being accessed as well as any other cars/counterweights in the vicinity and take appropriate measures to keep yourself and others away from hazards.

