



IUEC INCIDENT SUMMARY

CLOSE CALLS & INJURIES

INJURY

JUNE 22, 2026

Warning – Contains Graphic Image



Description of Incident

Control Type: Electric

Machine Type: Traction

Work Type: Contract Service

Speed: 350 ft/min, Capacity: 3,500 lbs

Rise: 6 Floors

Hoistway Configuration: Duplex

JHA/JSA Completed: No

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- A maintenance mechanic removed the elevator from service to clean the hoist ropes
 - The mechanic placed the car on auto run in the controller so it would run top to bottom while he used a rag to clean the hoist ropes
 - The rag became caught in the hoist ropes and pulled his right hand into drive sheave
 - The mechanic's left hand was also injured while he tried to free his right hand from between the drive sheave and the hoist ropes

Current Status:

The mechanic remains out of work while recovering from multiple injuries to both hands



Recommendations & Lessons Learned

- Always follow the company safety policy
- Always perform a JHA/JSA as per company policy

Possible Root Causes:

- No lockout and tagout
- The elevator was not secured against movement prior to beginning the task

Field Employees' Safety Handbook

Section 1 General Safety

1.1 Employee Responsibilities

- (i) When movement of the equipment presents a safety hazard while performing tasks on any parts that move, the equipment shall be made inoperative by use of lockout and tagout or alternative means of control. (Refer to Section 7.)
- (o) Never use wiping cloths on or near moving and/or rotating equipment.

