



Priority Learning Moment

Industry-Submitted Incident Notification

IN-012-2026 | Spill Box Lid Crush Hazard

This Priority Learning Moment has been submitted to Energy Safety Canada by a company wishing to share a safety lesson.

Incident Summary

A truck driver sustained a serious hand injury while preparing to unload crude oil at a truck terminal. During unloading preparations, the spill box lid closed unexpectedly, crushing the driver's fingers. The investigation determined that the lid support struts were detached, leaving the lid unsupported. Strong wind gusts contributed to the lid movement.



What Drivers Need to Know

- Do not unload if the lid is damaged, unstable, or will not stay open.
- Be aware of wind conditions. Wind can move unsupported lids.
- Keep hands clear of pinch points.
- Stop work if the lid will not stay open safely.
- Report unsafe or defective equipment before unloading.
- If injured, stop work and seek medical attention.



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Driver Expectations

- Stop the job if conditions are unsafe.
- Report hazards, equipment defects, and injuries immediately.
- Ask for help if equipment cannot be used safely.
- Keep clear of moving lids and pinch points.

What the Company is Doing

- Reviewing spill box lids and support struts.
- Reinforcing prompt reporting of damaged equipment.
- Reminding terminal personnel to verify equipment is safe for use.

Key Message

No load is worth a hand injury. If a spill box lid is not secure, the equipment is defective, or conditions are unsafe, stop the task and report it before unloading begins.

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