



# SAFETY ALERT

<b>INCIDENT</b>	Critical Risk Control Observation – Breach of LOTO Procedure
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Failure to deploy a deck restraint device
<b>INCIDENT DATE</b>	15-06-2020
<b>BUSINESS UNIT</b>	Higgins – Kapiti (PP2O Project)

## WHAT HAPPENED?

On Monday the 15th of June a Higgins truck had a mechanical issue on site. The trips on the trailer unit were not releasing, therefore the tailgate would not open and the load could not be discharged.

A mechanic and an electrician were called to site to repair the trailer unit. To do so they had to lift the truck bin (front unit) to get access to the air lines. The truck was fitted with deck restraint devices that could be used during repairs of this type. A clear warning was displayed on the restraint frame that the frame can only be used when bin is empty.

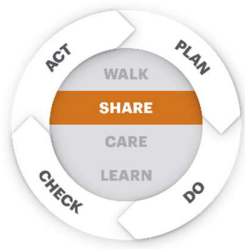
**A Higgins mechanic and a subcontractor electrician were observed working under the bin while the bin was elevated above the restraint frame and carrying a full load of sub-base materials.**



*Photos: Left – Truck deck elevated above the deck restraint frame; Right – Properly deployed deck restraint (bin lowered onto the restraint frame);*

## WHAT HAPPENED?

- The work was stopped.
- A review of the work method was carried out. Subsequently the task was completed safely, and the vehicle was returned to work.
- An incident investigation commenced.



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## IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL OF US (pre-investigation)

- Ensure only appropriately trained and competent staff are carrying out repairs and maintenance of plant and vehicles.
- They must be inducted into all relevant company procedures (e.g. procedures for energy isolation during vehicle maintenance), understand how to lock-out energy sources for the particular work being undertaken and be familiar with the specific lock-out devices.
- In construction industry, taking shortcuts can be deadly. Prior to commencing work take sufficient time to plan the job. The safe way is not always the shortest way. If you see anyone taking shortcuts, warn them of the risk involved and what could go wrong.

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