



September 21 - Secure the Load Before You Move It

Employees were changing out a roller on bc9 belt conveyor. This conveyor is in a tube with a slope to it. In the past employees did not secure the old roller once they took it out. It slid down the tube, through a door, and put a large hole in the wall where it stopped. Today we had a new (this week) employee on the job.	I first asked the new employee of the hazards on the job. He had all the right answers including moving equipment in the area, footing, and securing the heavy roller. (He heard the story) I then thanked his co-workers for pointing
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Know What Can Happen Before You Start

Employees were preparing to change out a roller on the BC9 belt conveyor. Because the conveyor is located inside a tube with a slope, there was a potential for the heavy roller to move unexpectedly once it was removed.

This hazard had caused a previous roller to slide down the tube, pass through a door, and create a large hole in the wall. With a new employee on the job, the hazards were reviewed before work continued.

The new employee was able to identify the hazards associated with the task, including moving equipment in the area, footing, and the importance of securing the heavy roller.

This is a great example of how sharing lessons learned can prevent the same incident from happening again. The employee's coworkers had already made sure he understood what had happened in the past, allowing him to recognize the hazard before beginning the work.

Hazards

- Heavy material moving unexpectedly
- Roller sliding on sloped surfaces
- Struck by hazards
- Pinch points
- Poor footing
- Damage to equipment or structures

Words of Wisdom

The best time to learn from a mistake is before you repeat it.

Pause and Think

- What could happen when the roller is removed?
- Is the material secured against unexpected movement?
- What hazards are created by the slope of the work area?
- Have you considered what is around and below the work area?
- Have coworkers shared previous incidents or lessons learned about the task?

Closing Thought

Experience doesn't have to come from your own mistake. Learn from what happened before, identify the hazards, and make sure the next job is safer because of it.