



## May 12 — It Wasn't His Job...Until It Was

While going to turn in paperwork in control room, walking by sugar tracks, I noticed client working on railcar on the bottom, but none of the wheels were chocked.

I went and mentioned to him he needs chock the wheels while working under a railcar

He wasn't part of the job.

Just walking by. Heading to turn in paperwork. Could've kept going. But something didn't look right.

A worker was underneath a railcar. And the wheels weren't chocked. No movement at that moment. No immediate danger you could see. But that's not how this works.

Railcars don't need much to move. A slight grade. A bump. A shift in pressure. And once they do, there's no stopping it from underneath. The worker under that railcar wouldn't get a warning. No time to react. No second chance.

The person walking by caught it. Didn't assume someone else had it covered. Didn't think, "not my job." He said something. And that's what changed the outcome. Because hazards don't care whose task it is.

If you see it, it's yours.

### Hazards

- Uncontrolled movement of railcar
- Crushing hazard
- Stored energy release
- Working beneath unprotected load
- Line of fire exposure to gravity and motion

### Stats

- Many serious injuries occur during non-routine or overlooked conditions
  - Uncontrolled equipment movement is a leading cause of fatal incidents
  - Lack of proper securing (like chocking) is a common contributing factor
- Intervention by others is one of the most effective prevention actions

### Words of Wisdom

- If you see it, you own it
- Not your task doesn't mean not your risk
- Secure it before you go under it

### Pause and Think

It's easy to walk past something that isn't your job.

You're not assigned to it. You weren't part of the setup. Someone else is already working there. But that's how things get missed.

Because everyone assumes someone else has it handled.

The difference here wasn't knowledge. It was action.

- Would I stop for something outside my task?
- Do I assume someone else has already checked it?
- Am I paying attention as I move through the site?
- Would I speak up — or keep walking?