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“Jostling” Accidents on the Rise



Intermodal chassis, bomb carts and tractors were not designed with their lifting in mind.

When they “go up” with the load, something is generally wrong and instantaneous attention/correction must occur. Any policy and/or procedure that achieves that end will be considered suitable.

In container lifting operations, it is generally considered a good practice to “*float the load.*” In sum, the lifting appliance (crane/industrial truck) operator should first ensure that only the container is being lifted by raising the load a very small distance first and then hoisting once it is assured that only the container (and not the chassis/bomb cart/tractor) is being lifted.

Given the number and critical nature of such accidents that have occurred recently, and the undeniable potentials that exist going forward, operations that do not “float the load” on each and every lift will be walking a very thin line in terms of ensuring the safety of their work.

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