



SAFETY ALERT

RISK MANAGEMENT & SAFETY

Truck Lift Failure

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Category: Near Miss
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Description

While lowering a heavy duty truck lift, the mechanic heard a clanking sound and then the lift dropped about 10-12 inches. There were no injuries or equipment damage.



Findings

- There was a box truck on the lift when it dropped.
- Upon hearing the noise, the mechanic stepped back.
- The lift was last certified in December 2014.

Causes

- Preventative maintenance did not include annual inspection/certification of all lifts.
- Chain not synced causing an uneven release.

Recommended Actions

- Remove from use until inspected and certified.
- Have other lifts certified prior to use.
- Develop a preventive maintenance schedule that includes an annual certification of all lifts.

Resource list for: [Vendors with certified lift inspectors](#)