



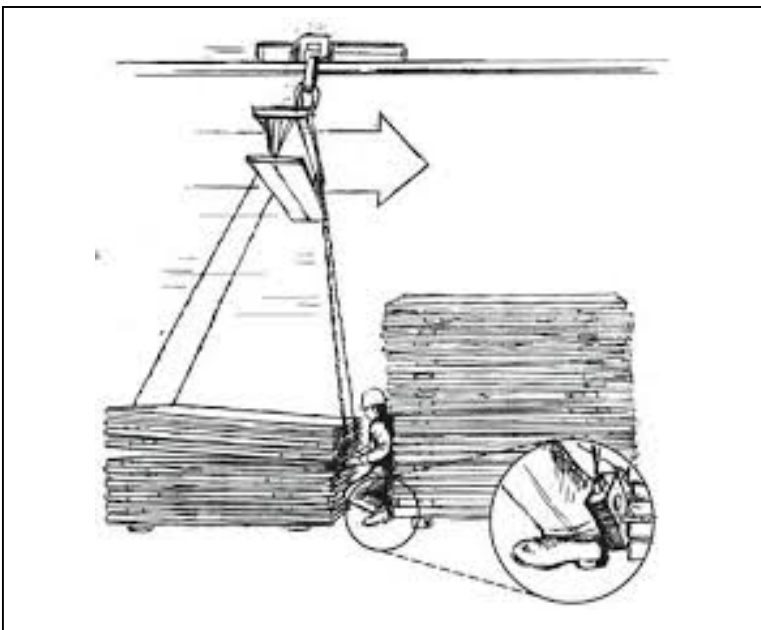
# Safety Stinger

*Don't let it Happen to You*



## No Hands on Crane Loads – Tag Lines

**Incident Description:** On 01/09/15 GBI employees were assisting a crane operator in setting a load of roof plate in a staging area. One employee used his hands vs. an additional tag line to guide the load to the ground. As the crane operator was placing the load, the load swung pushing the employee (touching the load) to within four (4) feet of the base of the crane, placing him in a potential pinch point.



### Immediate Observations:

- ✓ The worker did not address the potential consequence of placing his body in a pinch point or in the line of fire.
- ✓ A tag line was used, an additional line would have provided more control over the load.

### Safety Performance Tool to Prevent Future Occurrence:

#### Self-Check

A Self-Check is used to:

- ✓ To raise attention before action is performed.
- ✓ Take a moment to think about the intended action and its expected outcome.
- ✓ After you are physical and mentally prepared, the action can be taken.

### Lessons Learned:

- ✓ Tag lines should be used in place of hands to control loads and to keep employees at safe distances from loads.
- ✓ Tag lines should be used to keep employees away from pinch points and out of the line of fire.
- ✓ Allow the crane to position the load vs. your body. Give time for the crane operator to adjust the load into place eliminating the need to touch the load at all.

*Reducing Error and Managing Defenses Leads to Zero Events*