

### **3. Caught between steel coil and trailer**

A **53-year-old** truck driver was killed when he was pinned between a steel coil and the side of his truck trailer. The victim delivered a load of steel coil to a business and was waiting for it to be unloaded using an overhead crane equipped with hooks and coil clamps. The victim removed all chains and rigging securing the coil to the trailer. Company policy required that drivers stand by the cab while trailers were unloaded. The crane operator clamped the unsecured coil, lifted it, and began to move it. The crane operator stated, "I saw the driver out of the corner of my eye and released the motion switch on the crane remote control." The momentum of the coil and clamp continued until it reached its furthest point from the trailer; then the load rebounded, swung back toward the trailer, and pinned the truck driver between the bottom of the coil and the rail of the trailer. Apparently the driver was located near the trailer during the unloading of the coil and walked into the travel path of the coil after it cleared the trailer.

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