

Health & Safety Red Stripe

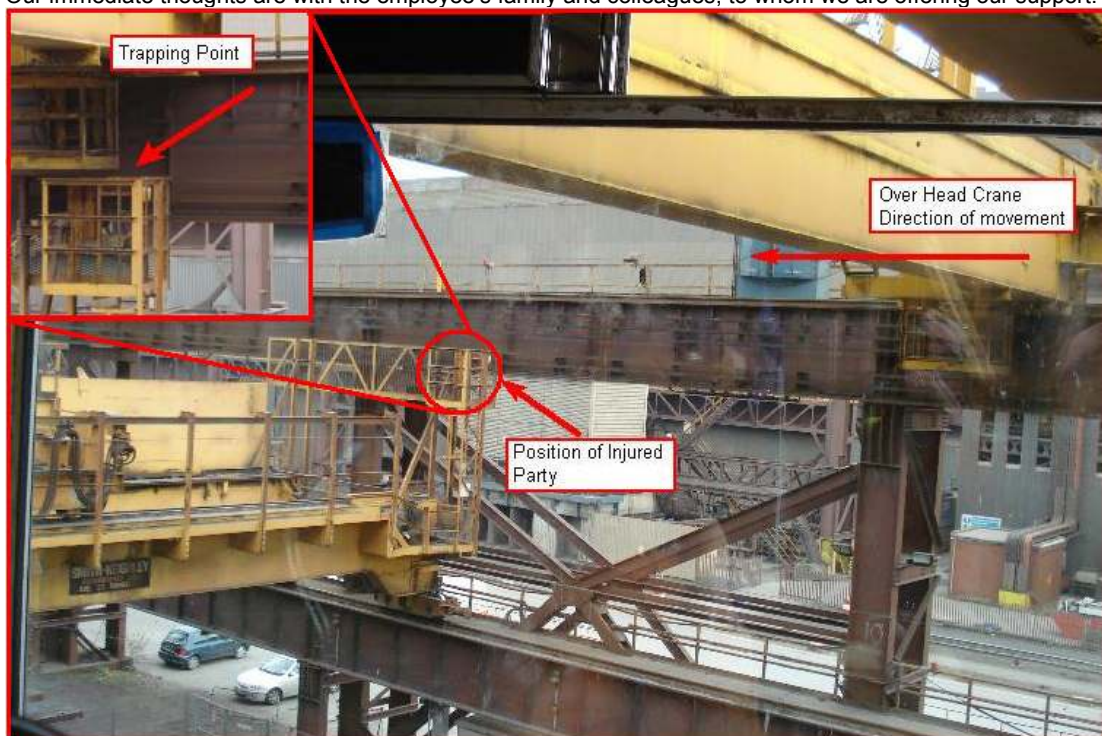
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Crane Maintenance Fatal Accident

What happened

On 23 April 2010, an employee electrician was fatally injured whilst carrying out maintenance duties at the Slabyard area of the [REDACTED]. The employee was working on a high level access platform on a Semi-Goliath crane, when he appears to have been struck by an overhead crane that was operating on the crane track level above.

This is a tragic loss of life and we are doing everything we can to find out how this happened. [REDACTED] has launched an investigation and we will be co-operating fully with all the relevant authorities including the Health and Safety Executive. It is too early at this stage to confirm any more details. Our immediate thoughts are with the employee's family and colleagues, to whom we are offering our support.



Initial Learning Points

Until we have fully investigated the causes of this incident all employees need to be reminded of some key general considerations when working at our sites.

- It is essential to identify all hazards in particular exposure to other moving equipment.
- Procedures should ensure that all the identified hazards are adequately controlled; this includes isolation and immobilisation where the potential for trapping by other moving equipment exists.
- Clear communication of any maintenance activity to other affected operations should be made including the confirmation of control measures.
- Prior to starting any activity a 'Take 2' risk assessment should be made to check that hazards are controlled.