

# GLOBAL SAFETY ALERT

## CUSTOMER'S WORKER FATALLY INJURED

### INCIDENT DETAILS

An employee driver was unloading a bundle of straight steel rebar (weighing approximately 600 kg) at a customer's site in a designated area, when unexpectedly a worker at the site entered the area and was struck by one end of the bundle as it fell to the ground.



### KEY FINDINGS

- The risk of someone entering the unloading zone and the need for control measures was not identified.
- The area where the unloading was taking place had not been physically isolated or shown to be a hazardous area with signs.
- Even though a verbal warning had been given about people staying away from the area, the worker either didn't hear the warning or he didn't perceive a risk.
- The rebars unloading process was manual and consisted of pushing the bundle, causing them to fall to the floor by gravity. This process can cause unexpected and uncontrolled movements of the material.

### MANAGERS – KEY POINTS TO CHECK

- A safe procedure has been established with customers for unloading products at delivery points taking into consideration safe zones with good signage and isolation practices.
- When possible, product delivery points at the client's site are periodically visited to ensure that safe unloading processes are being followed.
- Safe unloading procedures are frequently reviewed and updated as needed, and the use of mechanical aids are used whenever possible.
- All drivers receive training in risk identification and assessment tools, such as Take 5, and they know they need to agree safe control measures with site supervisors. They are also informed not to proceed if they feel the situation is unsafe.

### ALL PERSONNEL – ACTION TO TAKE

- Always carry out a risk assessment to make sure you can unload without putting yourself or someone else at risk – ¡Take 5!
- Always double check and continue to monitor the unloading zone to make sure nobody enters the 'line of fire'.
- Agree any additional control measures with the site supervisor and never proceed if you're still concerned about the potential for someone to get hurt.



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and each other