



# INDUSTRY FLASH

## *Crane Sling Snapped*

### *2 x 1.7 tonne Paper Reels Strike Forklift*

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In the past week there have been two (2) incidents at domestic paper mills.

- A sling snapped during a felt change on a paper machine. The breast roll had been raised, was set in place and secured. The slings were relaxed to be removed from the breast roll. After a potential miscommunication the hook was raised, however the front side sling was caught while still secured to the roll. The resulting pressure caused the sling to snap.

A site investigation into this is currently underway.

- At a different mill an incident occurred when a forklift reversed into a stack of paper reels in a reel store whilst removing stock. The impact caused 2 x 1.7 tonne reels of paper to fall from the stack into the next aisle. Another forklift was operating in the direct vicinity and was struck on the cab roof by the paper reels. The forklift sustained damage.

Whilst fortunately neither of these incidents caused injury to operators, equipment damage was sustained in both occurrences. The potential for injury however was there and the results may have been extremely serious.

Please consider whether either of these situations could occur in your workplace and whether your controls are robust enough to address risks similar to these.

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