

Contractor Serious Mishap

Crushed by Piling



• 23 year old female contract employee

• **Activity:** Stowing newly casted pilings. First row of pilings were placed on dunnage and shimstock. Second tier begun with outside piling located on last piling set. Rigging was removed by rigger and laborer and both moved away from site on form bed walkway. After stowage of second tier piling, it rolled on the legs of the laborer standing in form bed walkway.

• **Injury:** Partial leg amputation; fractured leg and hip

• **Root cause(s):**

- workers knowingly worked in a crushing hazard area
- failure of shimstock and dunnage
- no inspection criteria used
- storage area surface slopes
- training of personnel assisting in handling pilings

Lessons learned:

- Activity Hazard Analyses must be updated when additional site hazards are discovered
- Inspection criteria must be developed and followed when using wood dunnage for storing heavy materials
- Personnel must be properly trained and supervised when engaging in unfamiliar workplace activities

What can go wrong?

What can I do about it?

If I can't do anything about it, whom do I tell?