



# INCIDENT REVIEW

## 5th Wheel Pin

In the continued effort to partner with MTRMA members to reduce injuries, please review the accident scenario below. Analyze if any safety controls are needed within your organization, to prevent a similar incident from occurring.

**Topic:** Pulling the 5th Wheel Pin

**Accident Scenario:** An employee was releasing the 5th wheel in order to unhook a trailer. When he pulled the release handle to free the kingpin, he hurt his shoulder



**Potential Discussion Points/  
Preventative Action:**

1. Are 5th wheel pull hooks provided to employees for this task?
2. Are employees trained on how to properly complete this task?
3. Are employees trained on proper body mechanics to be used?
4. Are 5th wheel release mechanisms included in your preventative maintenance program?

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