



Sweeper Incident

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Hazard/incident description:

A City team member (TM) was undertaking cleaning works using a mechanical sweeper at a partner site. Once the task was complete the TM proceeded to park the sweeper.

As the TM was in the process of parking the sweeper, they contacted six, three metre lengths of timber standing vertically against a railing. This action caused the unrestrained timber to slide in the TMs direction.

While still on the sweeper the TM stood up to stop the timber from falling on them, which contributed to the TM injuring their lower back.

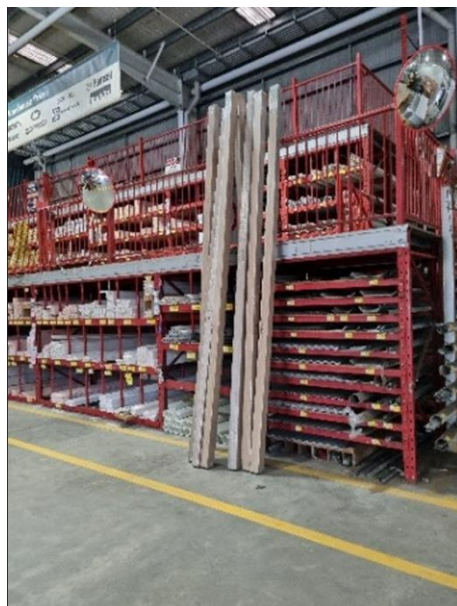


IMAGE 1: Lengths of timber leaning against the railing.

Contributing factors:

- The timber was not stored in an appropriate area, was not restrained, and was obstructing a walkway.
- The timber that had been stored vertically was not identified as a potential hazard by the partner or City TMs.

City team members & contractors are reminded to:

- Ensure that hazards and risks are identified and controlled at partner sites to avoid incidents and injuries prior to commencing works and during works if the conditions change.
- Ensure that all hazards identified are reported to partner site manager and line manager so appropriate actions can be taken.