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Near Miss – Strong Winds

What Happened:

On 5th December 2013 at Scunthorpe Rodmill live load area, a Safety Inspector was involved in a near miss whilst working in extremely strong winds. The Safety Inspector was checking straps at the rear of the trailer. The right side rear door was open and secured back using the trailer 's dedicated retaining arm. This was observed by other team members.

The right side door suddenly swung rearwards and impacted the Safety Inspectors left side. The Safety Inspector was wearing the correct PPE and following current SWP.



Findings:

- The trailer door was pushed in and out by the strong winds. This caused the spring loaded retaining arm to drop, when the door was pushed in.
- The spring loaded retaining arm had not been identified as a potential hazard during the risk assessment.
- No agreed policy on Adverse Weather working in place between local contractors.

Recommendations:

- Ensure Adverse Weather (strong winds), is considered in all risk assessments
- Agree on Adverse Weather working policy between local contractors (for example checking and preparing inside warehouse if available).
- Consider use of additional devices to secure doors during strong winds