



## ILA-UMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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# Hanging Out Near a Dockside Twistlock Bin Can Be Dangerous



Last month (June 2026) at Port Elizabeth, New Jersey, we understand that an “operational issue” caused a forty foot (40’) intermodal container being hoisted to come away and drop to the dock.

Often, workers on dock will gravitate to positions at or near twistlock bins while waiting for operations to evolve. The ILA~UMX Joint Safety Committee would like to remind our labor and management constituents about the dangers in assuming that any position taken in areas below the actual hoisting of cargo or equipment is safe. Any time you’re even close to being “*under the hook*”, is a time to be constantly aware and ready to move quickly at a moment’s notice.

Got an OSH-related question? Write to the JSC at: [blueoceana@optonline.net](mailto:blueoceana@optonline.net)

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