



Failure to Engage the Kenworth's Bonnet Locking Mechanism Causes Injury



Opening the Kenworth's side bonnet or hood.

When the bonnet is opened and extended fully the locking mechanism activates and locks the hood with a click sound.

What Happened?

Truckoman Kenworth oilfield winch truck helper opened the bonnet to carry out the routine oil level check of the hydraulic power steering. With his head and neck looking into the engine, the bonnet fell on the back of his head causing his nose to hit against the edge of the engine compartment. The result was that the helper injured his nose and had to be treated in the clinic. **(IF THE WIND HAD BEEN STRONGER THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE)**

Why did it Happen?

The helper failed to open the bonnet correctly. He did not push the bonnet far enough to activate the locking mechanism. Helper **assumed** that the bonnet has been locked and so he continued to carry out the task.

Is There any Learning Value?

All drivers of all vehicles must ensure that the bonnet is firmly locked into position before attempting to work inside the engine compartment, failure to do so will result in incidents such as the one described above.

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