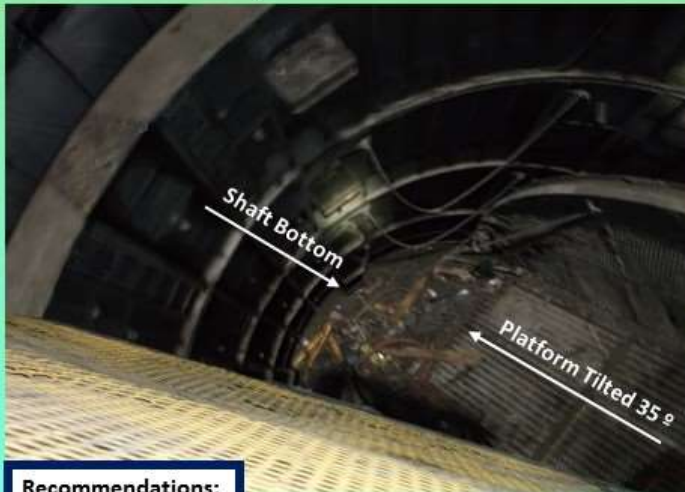


# HAZARD ALERT LIVE TOMORROW

## Hoist Accident Safety Alert

On Friday, June 5, 2020, at 9:05 a.m., a hoist accident occurred at a shaft sinking operation in Buchanan County, Virginia. Two construction laborers and a crew leader were positioned on a work platform to be hoisted up to the next section of forms for a concrete pour inside the shaft. One end of the platform rigging was not attached properly to the hoist rope hook allowing the platform to tilt 36 degrees causing the two laborers to fall from the platform approximately 16 feet to the shaft bottom. The victims were not tied off with safety harness-lanyards while working from the elevated work platform. The victims were treated and transported to a local hospital where one individual was treated and released. The other victim was transferred to Johnson City Medical Center where he was admitted with multiple pelvic/hip fractures.



Platform Reenacted on Surface



### Recommendations:

- ✓ Personnel riding conveyances must wear a full-body harness with a short, shock absorbing lanyard and be properly tied off to a designated anchor point.
- ✓ The location of the anchor point should be carefully selected to prevent the lanyard from becoming snagged or entangled when the conveyance is moving.
- ✓ All rigging for work deck platforms must be properly connected and secured to the hoist rope attachment. Rigging for below the hook lifting devices should be inspected before each use.
- ✓ Always stay alert and constantly aware of your surroundings.