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# SAFETY ALERT

## LOADER SAFETY

WFS recently experienced a potential catastrophic event when using a loader. A cargo container was pushed off a raised loader platform and fell to the ground causing major damage to the ULD. While the loader did experience a fault in the guide rail system, the preliminary investigation has revealed there were some human factors that contributed to this event.

### Important reminders when operating loaders:

- Perform a thorough pre-operations inspection including testing the function of the guide rails and the end stop of the elevator platform. The guide rails and end stop should remain in the upright position during cycling of the elevator. Include checking for stuck or sticking switches.
- ULDs should never be moved on the loader elevator when cycling the loader elevator. All ULD movements should be done at ground level or when the elevator is fully raised.
- Don't hit the rear stop with the ULD and rely on this to stop the motion of the ULD. You need to use visual reference when positioning the ULDs on the elevator platform.
- Don't allow any GSE movements at the end of the loader when the loader elevator is raised or cycling.
- Place the protective covers on all control panels when the loader is not in use. This keeps precipitation from affecting the controls and switches.

