

SAFETY ALERT

Track Guard Came Loose Jamming Track

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Description of Incident

Recently a Komatsu loader was being walked down a hill after shovelling stems. The loader suddenly screwed sideways on the hill causing it to roll over.

Issues

Upon assessing the machines damage it was discovered that the track guard on one side of the machine had come loose and had fallen into the track causing it to lock up.

This had caused the machine to screw suddenly on the hill and roll over. (see photos 1&2)

There are different track guard designs. (see photo 3)

Follow up

Komatsu is talking to the manufacturer of the track guard regarding the design.

Contractor Action: Track Guards should be checked on all machines to ensure they are secure.

