

# LOGISTICS SAFETY COMMUNICATION

When preparing a silo container for loading, the operator noticed that the container was still under pressure

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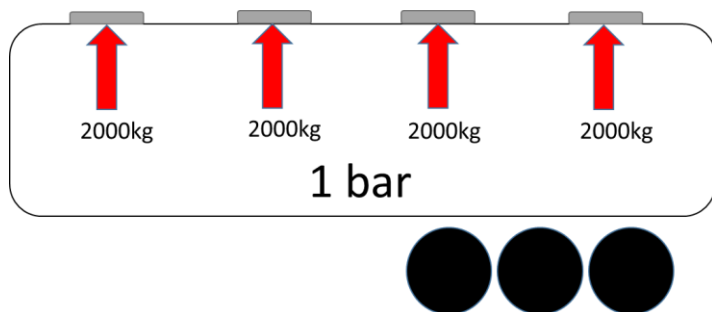
After unloading the previous load, the driver did not release the air pressure from the container.

Nothing happened but the risks are:

- explosion of the container/ silo when involved in a road accident.
- opening the swing bolts in the wrong sequence can cause the manlid to open abruptly whereby the person can be thrown of the container/ silo with risk of injury or death.



Example how it can go wrong  
Watch video



With a pressure of 1 bar inside a container/ silo, the force exerted on each manlid is 2 ton !

Together we can make it safer

- Be aware of the working at height –  
Life saving rule principle
- Always release the pressure inside a container/ silo immediately after unloading / before departure
- Always ensure that there is no pressure inside a container/ silo before opening the manlids:
  - Open the vent valve first.
  - Open the bolts across but leave them in upright position so they hold their securing function. Untighten the last bolt with the necessary precautions so you can detect if some pressure is still present.