

# Lessons Learned

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Region: Portland

Project: QTS

Incident Title: Pipe Cart collapse

## Summary

Pipe cart collapsed while moving.

Worker was moving a pipe cart into the laydown area of the project.

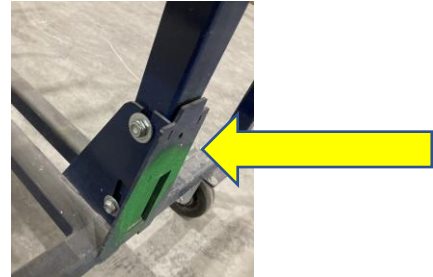
While pushing the cart on the gravel surface, the upright collapsed forward causing the employee to fall onto the cart.

His right hand was on the upright, and in a pinch point.

This caused a fracture and laceration of his right pinky finger.

Employee was wearing proper cut resistant gloves, which prevented a partial amputation of his finger.

## Picture



## What Went Right?

- Employee was wearing proper cut resistant gloves that prevented a much more serious injury.
- Notification of the incident was done immediately.

## What Went Wrong?

- Hazard of different types of carts was not noted.
- Ground surface was restrictive to forward movement of cart.
- Pushing motion caused forward momentum to allow employee to fall onto the cart.

## Lessons Learned

- There are available different types of carts currently in use, and the locking mechanisms are not the same for the uprights.
- Older carts can inadvertently fold inward while being pushed without material on them.
- Walking, working surface must be evaluated prior to making any movements of materials or tools.