

# FATAL FACTS



**No. 8775-027**

Accident Type:	Struck By
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Dry and Calm
Type of Operation:	Forklift loading
Size of Work Crew:	3
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	No
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	N/A
Training and Education Provided:	Yes
Employees Job Titles:	Laborer
Age & Gender:	Male, 20
Experience at this Type of Work:	Not determined
Time on Project:	1 day



## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT**

Three employees were engaged in the activity of loading beams onto a trailer. The forklift operator lifted the beam 2-3 feet above the trailer and then dismounted from the forklift to help in positioning the beam. The beam slid off the forklift and struck an employee who was helping with the loading activity.

## **INSPECTION RESULTS**

The investigation resulted in the issuance of three serious and one other citation. One serious citation was for the operator dismounting from the powered industrial truck without fully lowering the load – 29 CFR 1910.178(m)(5)(iii). The second serious citation was the employer not ensuring that the load was stable or safely arranged - 29 CFR 1910.178.(0)(1). The third serious citation was for not withdrawing from service a powered industrial truck with a defect – 29 CFR 1910.178(p)(1). The citation with a severity of “other” was for not ensuring that employees completed the required training and evaluation for operating powered industrial truck – 29 CFR 1910.178(l)(ii).

## **ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS**

The recommendations made by OHSB were to remove defective equipment from service and to train and evaluate all operators of powered industrial trucks.