

# SAFETY ALERT

## Stack Spilled onto Adjacent Work Station

**Date:** January 16, 2019

**Location:** Acorn

**Incident Type:** Close Call

**Job Position:** Forklift Operator



### Summary:

A stack of kiln-sticked lumber spilled onto the labelling area when the forklift operator attempted to remove the stack of lumber that was stored in front of it. The forks clipped the load, which was the top load of a stack of two, causing it to topple over as the operator attempted to remove the two loads in front. No other workers were in the vicinity at the time of the incident.

### Further Information and/or Requirements:

- Evaluate the condition of the loads and surrounding area prior to handling any loads with mobile equipment.
- Always be aware of the positioning of your forks and the distance between each stack when handling loads.
- Investigate alternative storage stacking arrangements to mitigate interface between loads and workers.
- Slow and steady movements reduce the chance of incidents when operating mobile equipment.

**For more information on this alert, please contact:**

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