

FATAL ALERT

December 26, 2019, at approximately 11:11 am, a telehandler rough terrain forklift being returned after rental had been loaded onto a flatbed trailer. During transportation, an employee operating the semi-truck lost control of the trailer and it slid off the road due to the slick road conditions. While waiting for assistance, the employee attempted to unload the telehandler by driving it off the flatbed. During this process, the telehandler slid and fell off the flatbed pinning the employee between the door and cab of the telehandler.

Significant Factors

- Employee was instructed twice not to unload the telehandler.
- Employee was not wearing a seatbelt while operating the telehandler.

Recommendations

- Develop and implement a seatbelt use policy.
- Ensure comprehension of instructions given.