

Fatal Alert

On June 22, 2020, at approximately 2:15 pm, an employee of a building supply yard approached a powered industrial truck operator as the operator was in the process of raising the lift carriage of the truck. While in the process of the lift, the carriage contacted two twelve foot 6x6's. The contacted 6x6's then fell off the racking, striking the approaching employee.

Significant factors

- Employee did not make contact with the operator before approaching.
- Industrial truck operator was not aware of his surroundings.
- An adequate assessment had not been completed of potential hazards.

Recommendations

- Retrain all employees of procedures to follow when working around equipment specifically notifying operators prior to approaching equipment.
- Implement a powered industrial truck training program to include the assessing of company trained operators as well as operators hired from outside the company to ensure competency.