



## Employee injured after Forklift overturns

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| <b>Date</b>               | 28 July 2009              | <b>Site</b>        |           |
| <b>(Potential) Damage</b> | Class 2, lost time injury | <b>Energy type</b> | Vehicular |



### Incident details

A subcontractor employee was operating a forklift at level 3 east on the Mounts Bay Road project. He was lifting a pallet of CFC sheets from the loading bay to the work area. Whilst travelling with the load of CFC sheets on the forks the machine has become unstable and fallen onto its side. The operator tried to jump clear of the forklift before it hit the ground and injured his ankle and arm.

### Reminder

This incident is currently being investigated. Project Managers are reminded of the importance of the following controls:

- Check the machinery/plant selected to lift and load out materials is correctly sized for the load/weight to be lifted.
- Check the operator of the machinery/plant has been provided with information on the weight of any load that requires lifting, and knows the load capacity of the machinery/plant. If an operator is uncertain of the capacity of the machinery/plant to lift and load materials – do not operate or commence the activity.
- Check there is sufficient room for the machinery/plant to operate safely. Also, check the planned route for any fixed obstructions (i.e handrails) to the work area.
- Check all machine/plant operators are licensed
- Check the operator wears a seatbelt, where fitted, when operating the machinery/plant.

This incident alert is to be placed on all safety notice boards and discussed at safety communication forums.

**Distribution** All staff

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