



Stay alert when working around forklifts

Industry: **General Freight**
Occupation: **Forklift Driver**
Task: **Completing Paperwork**

A 31-year-old forklift driver had just loaded a pallet on a trailer and was using a wall to sign the paperwork when another forklift backed into him. The other forklift was going too fast, so the victim was unable to get out of the way. He was pinned between the forklift and the wall, crushing his right leg. He endured pain and multiple surgeries to repair the damage and was off work for more than three months before returning to light duty. His workers' compensation claim has cost more than \$135,000.



Injury prevention tips for working around forklifts

Forklift drivers are usually safe when on the forklift. However, as this incident shows, those on foot are at great risk of being struck by forklifts. The 6-foot radius around a working forklift is the danger zone: pedestrians stay out of this area.

Drivers - Always look in the direction you are moving.

Employers - Designate a safe area outside the traffic pattern for tasks such as paperwork.

Everyone - Eliminate distractions. No earbuds or loud music.

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