



Load shift cost his life

It was an incident that should not have happened. But it did, and a 39-year-old husband did not come home that night. He was a truck driver who was delivering a load of plastic pipe to a construction site. While the forklift driver was unloading the pipes, the truck driver walked around to the other side of the trailer to roll up his straps. When the forklift driver tried to get the forks under the pipes, the load shifted, knocking the pipes off the other side of the trailer, instantly killing the truck driver.



Tips to live by

- Stay away from your trailer when a forklift is loading or unloading freight.
- If you must direct loading or unloading, have a plan with the forklift driver and a safe area to stand.
- Wait until the forklift stops, get the driver's attention, then walk up.
- Take advantage of designated safe work areas or break rooms.

www.KeepTruckingSafe.org

Twitter @TruckSafe

Produced by the Trucking Injury Reduction Emphasis (TIRES) Project with funding in part from Alabama Trucking Association Workers Compensation Fund and CDC/NIOSH grant U60 OH008487.

Publication No. 90-93-2012

May 2012

TIRES Project

SHARP Program

Dept. of Labor & Industries

Phone: 1-888-667-4277

E-mail: TruckingNews@KeepTruckingSafe.org