

# Lessons Learned



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**Region:** Denver

**Project:** X1325 SMC Bed Tower

**Incident Title:** Construction Equipment & Public Right-of-way

## Summary

Forklift was being driven from one jobsite laydown yard to another. When pulling out of jobsite, operator seen a car coming down the street and tried to stop. The exit was on a downhill slope, and he was on a plastic mud mat that was slippery and wet from snow. The forklift did not stop but slid down the hill and the forks contacted the moving car.



## What Went Right?

- Spotter for the forklift driver was available for blind spots.
- Another driver in job truck planned to follow forklift with his hazard lights on to other laydown yard while on the street.
- No one was hurt.

## What Went Wrong?

- Traffic control / flagman assigned to area was on lunch, so relocation of forklift proceeded without traffic control.
- Driver of forklift did not anticipate forklift to slide on mud mat.
- View of street was obscured by signage on jobsite gate and spotter wasn't utilized.

## Lessons Learned

- **Be sure forklift safety training includes content on traffic control and what to do if accessing public right-of-way is required.**
- **Driver of forklift needs to move only when spotter signals okay to do so if unavoidable blind spots exist.**
- **Refresher training is required every three years and after any incident or observed operator error.**