

# Lessons Learned

**Date:** May 16, 2022

**Region:** Denver

**Project:** TMCA Boiler Replacement

**Incident Title:** Utilize Spotter in Tight Spaces, Travel with Forks Lowered

## Summary

Employee was driving a forklift with the boom raised, carrying a piece of fab. As they turned towards the building, employee was watching the load and did not realize the boom was the same height as the overhead building. As forklift neared the building, the top portion of the boom struck the building. Spotter had traveled elsewhere while the operator kept moving, knowing his spotter had left.



## What Went Right?

- Employee was driving slow.
- Reported immediately to supervisor and safety.

## What Went Wrong?

- Forks were raised to high while driving.
- Employee operated forklift in tight area even though spotter was not present.

## Lessons Learned

**Utilize spotter. Don't continue to operate in a tight area if spotter leaves for a moment. Wait for spotter to return.**

**Do not travel with forks raised or boom extended. Bring the load in as close as possible to the forklift, when traveling, for safe operation.**