

Lessons Learned

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Region: Seattle

Project: Arlington

Incident Title: Forklift Pinch Point

Summary

Two Apollo workers were lowering a Nitrogen 6 pack cylinder cradle from an upper level to the 1st floor. The forks were not spread wide enough to safely lower the load without it shifting.

While lowering the cylinder cradle the load began to sway, the Apollo spotter stuck their arm out to stop it from shifting, and their arm became momentarily pinched between studs to the side of the load and cylinder cradle they were lowering.

The workers were able to finish lowering the cradle and reported the incident to their foreman.

Picture



What Went Right?

- Making the scene safe after an incident
- Proper incident reporting

What Went Wrong?

- Forklift loads need to be properly supported prior to lifting via adjusting the forks, using straps if necessary, properly centering loads, and using properly stacked/positioned loads
- Spotters should not put their hands in pinch points

Lessons Learned

- Always ensure that loads are safe for transport prior to lifting
- Prior to lifting, potential pinch points prior shall be identified
- Spotter training shall reinforce that no one is to put their hands into pinch points