

Lessons Learned



— MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS —

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Region: Reno

Project: Redwood

Incident Title: Pickup Truck Hood Damage

Summary

Western Nevada Supply employee was using a fork truck to load two (2) full bundles of PVC pipe onto the pipe rack on the Apollo pickup truck when one bundle of pipe slid off the front of the pipe rack and damaged the truck's hood and broke the plastic wind deflector.



What Went Right?

- No one was injured.
- The Apollo Family Member remembered his truck loading & unloading training.
 - He had positioned himself away from the danger zone.
 - Never turn your back on the loading or unloading process while in the danger zone.
 - Always know your escape route.
 - Be aware of others in the zone even if you are not responsible for them. Sometimes the closest emergency safe zone may be under the trailer.
 - All loads must be secured to the truck, container, or trailer to prevent shifting of material and equipment during transport.
 - Equipment such as load bars, vertical supports, and load straps should be used to ensure that the load arrives in the same orientation as when it departed.
 - Each load is different. Look for potential problems with your load. (Is it tall, narrow, double stacked, or loose?) Develop a plan to safely release each type of load.

What Went Wrong?

Western Nevada Supply Fork Truck operator loaded two (2) bundles of PVC pipe onto the Apollo pipe rack at the same time. One bundle should have been loaded at a time.

Lessons Learned

Always abide by safe truck loading and unloading practices.

- Position yourself a safe distance away from the loading or unloading activity.
- Shortly after departing with a load, always find a safe spot to legally park and check all tie down mechanisms to ensure they are still tight and load shift did not occur.
- Smart people learn from their mistakes. Wealthy people learn from other's mistakes.