

CORONER IDENTIFIES VICTIM OF FORKLIFT ACCIDENT

This was the news headline after a 33 year old man suffered a severe head injury as a result of a forklift accident. It appeared he tried to jump free of his forklift as it was turning over. Sadly, he didn't quite make it.

While every accident is preventable, this tragedy could have been easily avoided by wearing a seatbelt.

So, what about in your operation? Do 100% of your operators wear their seatbelts 100% of the time?

If the answer is "No", there are some simple solutions to that problem.

First, make sure safety switches installed on your forklifts are working properly. If you have forklifts without any type of safety device, consider installing seatbelts with built-in kill switches. These can be wired to the transmission so the machine will idle, but not move.

Next, ENFORCE the use of these safety devices. For instance, if you install seatbelts with kill switches, and you see someone sitting on a buckled seat belt, show them the door.

Better to be unemployed than dead.

SAFELY—OR NOT AT ALL.

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