

Near Miss Report

Improper Forklift Maintenance Procedures



Potential Outcome: Personnel injury/Property Damage

Activity: An employee performing routine maintenance on a forklift was found using improper lifts and ramps and without chocking the wheels to prevent it from moving during the maintenance operations. The employee was stopped and directed to put the forklift back on the ground surface until all of the necessary equipment was collected used for the maintenance evolution. The work center supervisor held a brief stand-down of all employees to reinforce the required equipment, processes and procedures needed to perform maintenance on vehicles and equipment, and reminded the employees that no work was to be performed without following the required safety precautions.



Possible Causes:

- Failure to follow established safety procedures

Behaviors to be Learned:

- Use proper equipment for the job
- When working on wheeled vehicles, make sure to chock wheels to ensure vehicle will not move
- Ensure load weights are known prior to any weight handling operations, and equipment and rigging is adequate for the weight of the load

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