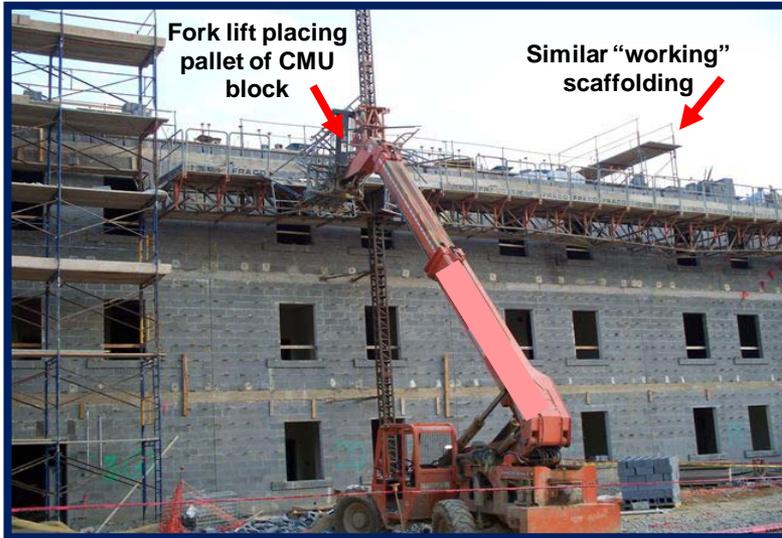


Contractor Fatality

Fall from scaffold



19 year old; masonry sub-contractor employee

Activity: A rough terrain telescopic fork lift was lifting a CMU block pallet approximately 40 feet to a section of “working” scaffolding. The boom drive chain apparently failed, causing the boom to abruptly retract and the CMU pallet to strike the “working” scaffolding system. The employee was positioned on the opposite end of the approximately 18 foot long scaffold system planking, and was catapulted towards the forklift and eventually landed on the ground surface.

Direct Cause: Apparent equipment failure



Initial Communication Points

- Equipment inspections – frequency & actions – shall comply with manufacturer’s instructions and contract requirements
- Operators for mechanized equipment shall be fully qualified
- Activity Hazard Analyses (AHA’s) shall identify specific hazards and associated equipment inspections, training, qualifications, and shall be reviewed with all employees

Short term actions

- All operations suspended – site secured
- Investigation board appointed/interviews initiated
- Equipment manufacturer site visit scheduled