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**Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic**

## **Safety Lessons Learned Accident Abstract**

Accident Type: ELECTRICAL NEAR MISS  
Injury: NONE  
Damage: OVERHEAD 12KV WIRE  
Type of Work: TRANSPORTING REBAR  
Equipment: SKYTRACK ROUGH TERRAIN  
FORK LIFT



**DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCIDENT:** Forklift proceeded through a dip in the road between two poles, raising the boom/forks to keep load from dragging on ground. The boom hit a guy wire approximately 14 foot above surrounding grade. This contact caused poles to bend and spring back causing wires to make contact, break apart and fall to the ground outside the construction limits

**DIRECT CAUSE:** Forklift driver failure to operate equipment in a safe manner.

**INDIRECT CAUSE:** Driver chose shorter route which was not clear of hazards  
Forklift operator failure to operate equipment in a safe manner

**ROOT CAUSE:** Forklift operator chose to travel through congested portion of the work site versus a clearer route through the site which was longer.

**LESSONS LEARNED:** Employees must be aware, situational awareness, of jobsite conditions & surroundings  
Equipment must be operated in a safe manner.  
Proper clearance from overhead power lines must be observed at all times  
Employee failed to provide adequate clearance for the movement of vehicles and for the operation of construction equipment.  
Employer failed to provide warning device or signal person where there is danger to persons from moving equipment, swinging loads, buckets, booms or similar

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