

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself  
“Could it happen here?”

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### Property Damage – Power Pole Contact

A loader operator had a rough bundle on his forks and was heading toward the rough lumber storage. The forks were raised but did not obstruct his line of sight.

The operator failed to notice a power pole in the area. When he turned left, the bundle on his forks hit the power pole, and broke the base of the pole.



Pictures to show how operator was driving when contact with the power pole was made.



Power Pole after struck by machine

## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

1. Conduct a safety crew talk with all lumber yard operators.
2. Review the wheel-loader and Lumber Handling SWP including power line safety.
3. Place barricades and reflectors around the power poles located in the yard.
4. Place reflectors on power lines in the yard.

## Most Important Take Away

Identify all power poles and power lines in the mobile equipment operating areas.

Use barricades, line reflectors and/or reflective ribbons to make hazards more visible.

