

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Forklift Pinched Hand

A forklift operator conducted his pre-trip inspection at the start of shift and identified that the latch that holds the forklift door in the open position was not functioning. The operator carried on and climbed into the forklift. As the operator was about to sit in the seat the door swung shut and caught his hand which was holding on to the door frame. The door was not secured in the open position due to the damaged latch and swung shut due to a combination of the forklift being parked on a slight slope (gravity) and wind. The door crushed the employee’s finger causing a cut that required stitches. The employee was wearing impact resistant gloves which likely reduced the severity of the injury.



SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Ensure all safety features are checked during pre-trip inspections (Door locking latch).
- Do not operate mobile equipment if safety features are not functioning.
- Do not grab door jamb while entering and exiting equipment. Use the hand grab bars.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

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