

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Forklift/Pulp Trailer

A forklift driver was driving into truck trailer to load pulp units into the trailer. The felt floor on the fifth unit gave way under the weight of the forklift and its load (picture to left).

The forklift driver was wearing a seat belt. They turned off their machine and exited the trailer on foot and called the supervisor.

The supervisor requested assistance to safely remove the forklift and all units from the trailer. An I-beam was used to support the weak spot in the trailer to aid in removing the forklift and the pulp load. A long chain attached to a forklift was also used to pull out the units of pulp.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Collect daily inspection and Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) Inspection Reports for trucks on site.
- Keep a file of annual CVSE Inspection Reports for all trucking companies.

IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Review daily inspection and CVSE Inspection Reports for trucks on site.

