

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
"Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Overhead Powerline Incident

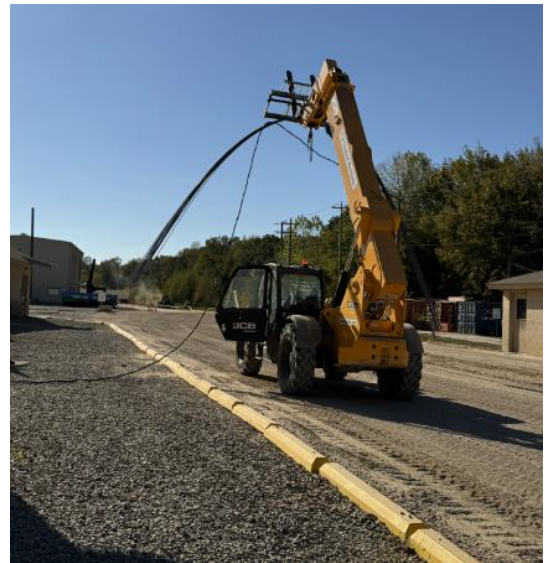
A contractor struck a live overhead powerline while operating an extended-reach forklift. They were moving 30-foot pieces of rebar when the backstop made contact with the powerline.

The line was pulled tight, causing a nearby power pole to snap at the base. The pole fell onto the roof of the administrative offices.

Fortunately, the incident occurred on a Saturday, the administrative building was empty and only a few people were on site. No one was injured.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Always complete a Field Level Hazard Assessment to identify and document hazards before starting work. Where possible, mitigate those hazards before beginning work.
- Follow your SWPs and use a spotter when working in congested or higher-risk areas.



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Nothing is more important than your health and safety.

Always take the time to pause and make sure you're working safely. Safety must always come before production.

Complacency can creep in when incidents are low, so it's essential to stay focused and keep your mind on the task at hand.

