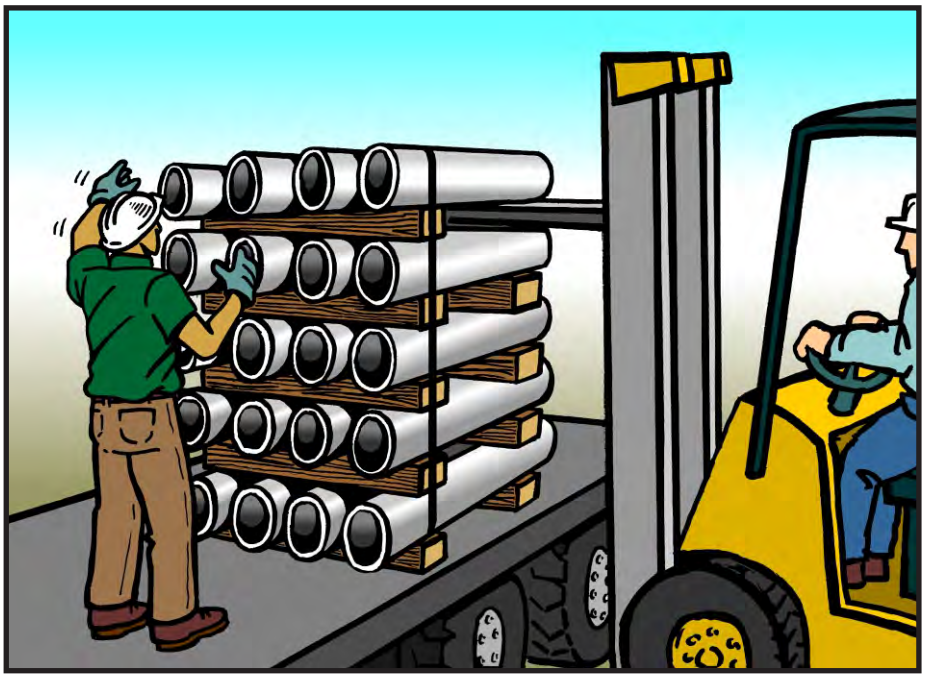
TOOLBOX SAFETY TRAINING

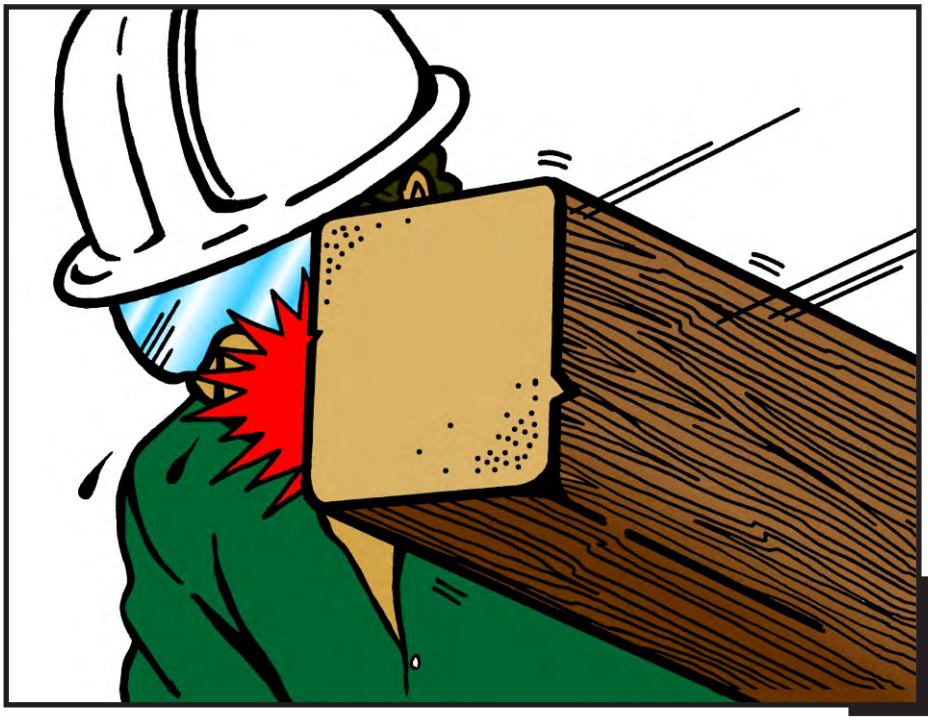
ESC SAFETY CONSULTANTS

Company _____ Location _____ Date _____

Vol 29 - No 47

MATERIAL UNLOADING ACCIDENT





INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

A worker was standing on the bed of a trailer directing the forklift operator. The operator was attempting to unload four pipes from a stack. Not all of the banding had been removed from around the load. While attempting to lift the pipes, the band stretched, then snapped from the strain. This caused a 4x4 timber used to separate the pipe layers to hit the worker below the eye. His cheek bone was fractured. He then fell backward and tripped over a tarp that was laying on the bed of the trailer. He hit his head on a separate stack of pipes. Fortunately, he was wearing a hard hat which absorbed the majority of the blow.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Safe work methods and procedures for loading and unloading trailers need to be established, documented and communicated to employees.

2. No employee, including the truck driver, shall be permitted on the bed of the trailer when unloading loads that could become unstable. NOTE: Loads need to be secure as much as possible before being lifted or moved.

See OSHA standard 1926.651(e) exposure to falling loads for more information on this topic.

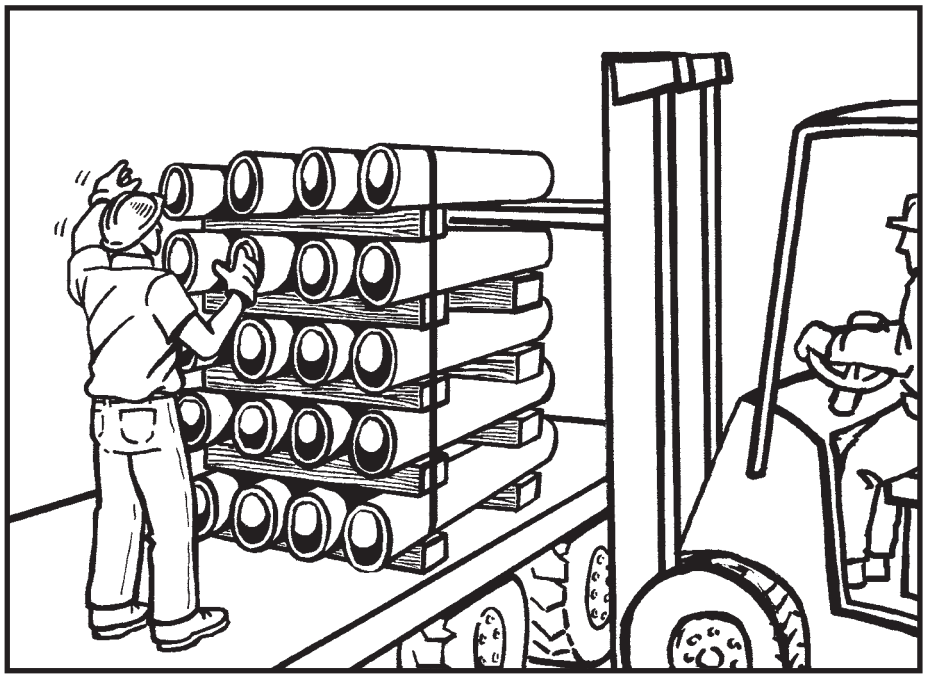
A publication of ESC Safety Consultants, Inc. - P. O. Box 691447 - San Antonio, Texas 78269 - 1-800-327-1516
Visit our website at www.escsafety.com for a complete list of all our safety services
© 2022 - All rights reserved. This publication may not be reproduced in any manner without the written permission of ESC Safety Consultants, Inc.
This issue is good for 2 years after the above copyright date. After that please consult OSHA regulation for any changes.

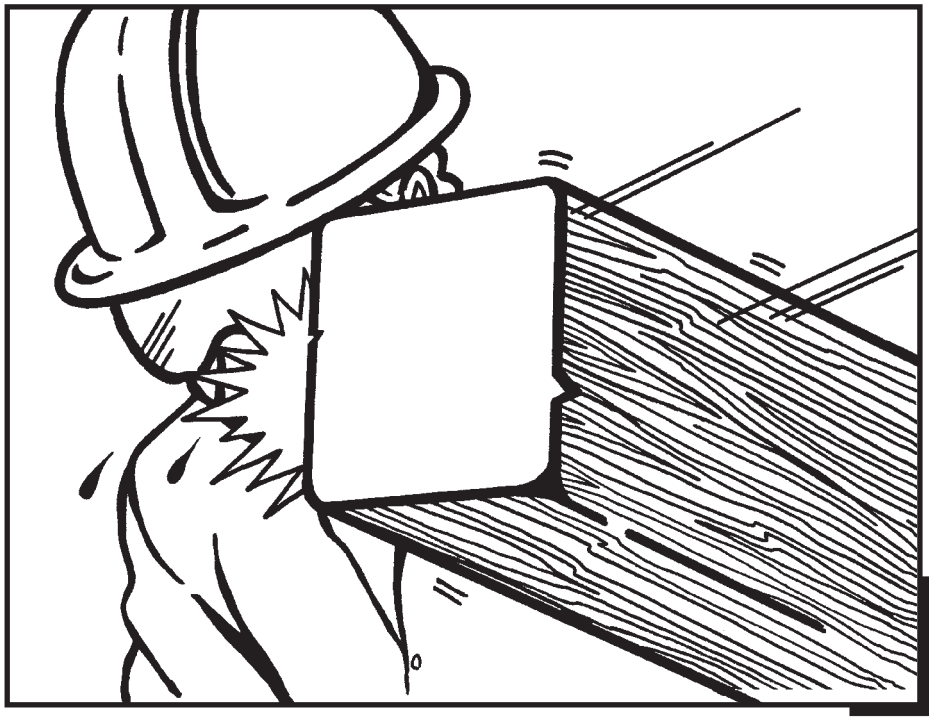
ESC TOOLBOX SAFETY TRAINING

Company _____ Location _____ Date _____

Vol 29 - No 47

MATERIAL UNLOADING ACCIDENT





INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

A worker was standing on the bed of a trailer directing the forklift operator. The operator was attempting to unload four pipes from a stack. Not all of the banding had been removed from around the load. While attempting to lift the pipes, the band stretched, then snapped from the strain. This caused a 4x4 timber used to separate the pipe layers to hit the worker below the eye. His cheek bone was fractured. He then fell backward and tripped over a tarp that was laying on the bed of the trailer. He hit his head on a separate stack of pipes. Fortunately, he was wearing a hard hat which absorbed the majority of the blow.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Safe work methods and procedures for loading and unloading trailers need to be established, documented and communicated to employees.

2. No employee, including the truck driver, shall be permitted on the bed of the trailer when unloading loads that could become unstable. NOTE: Loads need to be secure as much as possible before being lifted or moved.

See OSHA standard 1926.651(e) exposure to falling loads for more information on this topic.

A publication of ESC Safety Consultants, Inc. - P. O. Box 691447 - San Antonio, Texas 78269 - 1-800-327-1516
Visit our website at www.escsafety.com for a complete list of all our safety services
© 2022 - All rights reserved. This publication may not be reproduced in any manner without the written permission of ESC Safety Consultants, Inc.