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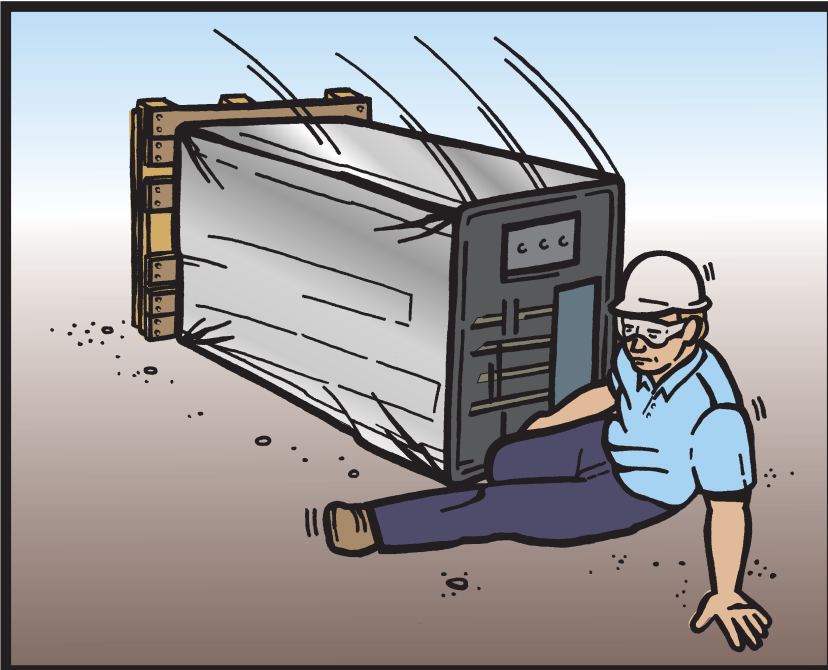
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### **PALLET JACK ACCIDENT**



#### **INCIDENT DESCRIPTION:**

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#### **SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Always pre-plan any moving of materials. Walk the route of travel that is to be taken and note any areas of concern.
2. Always travel with the load as close to the floor as possible and at a suitable speed. Never be in a hurry when safety is involved.

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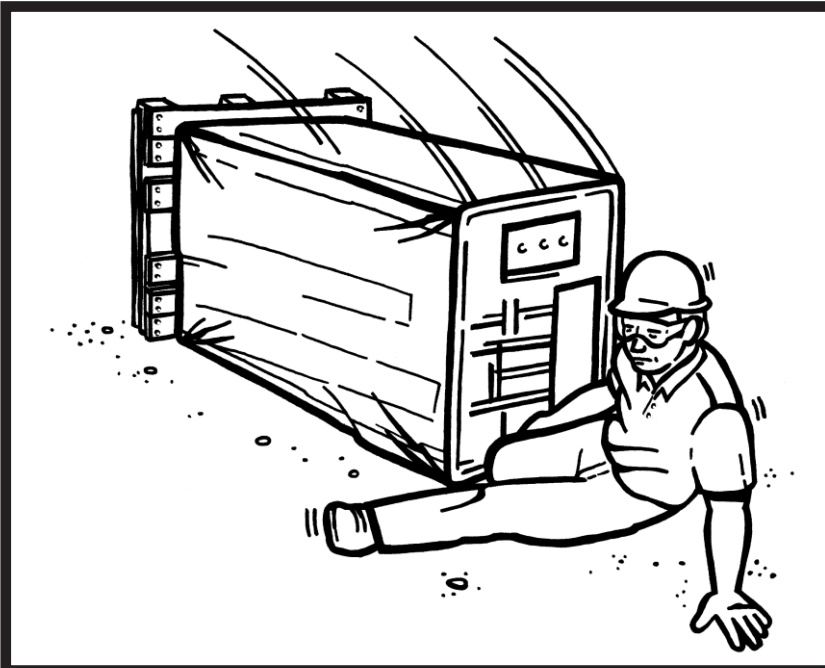
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