

# Driver hit by a passing forklift during discharge operation

At customer (O&P North)

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## what

A driver was unloading his bulk silo at a customer.

The driver was standing at the right side of his truck.

Because he needed to adjust his compressor, he went to the left side of the truck. At that moment a forklift, loaded with a big coil was passing by, and the driver was hit by the coil. He fell down but he remained uninjured.

The driver was wearing a high visibility jacket

## why

The unloading of the silo truck took place on an internal road

There was no physical segregation between the unloading area and passing traffic.

The forklift was overtaking the silo truck by driving on the left lane of the road.

Because the forklift was driving in forward direction with a load, he may have had limited visibility to the right and therefore he may have spotted the driver, who went to the left of his truck, too late.

## learning

During the unloading of bulk trucks, the drivers need to remain out of the 'danger zone', as far as possible. However they must be able to operate the tipping mechanism and the compressor of the truck. Therefore they need a well indicated zone around the truck where they can move freely without the risk of being hit by passing vehicles.

Customers are strongly advised to provide a physical segregation between the unloading area and passing traffic, by means of barrier tape, concrete/ plastic barriers etc. In the absence of these, hauliers are advised to provide plastic cones to the drivers which can be placed between the truck and passing traffic.



Forklift with coil passing the truck that is being unloaded. The driver who was standing at the right side, went to the left side of his truck when the incident happened



Examples of physical segregation placed by customer - and by driver



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