



Safety Alert

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IMPROPER POSITION OF HELPER RESULTS IN LOST TIME INCIDENT

WHAT HAPPENED:

Forklift operator and helper are trying to get this kelly (pipe) into the casing. Helper is giving hand signals to driver. The pipe rolled off the forks and hit the helper's foot. The helper's foot and ankle were broken. His colleagues had to lift the pipe off his foot. He will be off work for at least 4 weeks.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

- Wrong position of the helper
- Pipe rolled off the forks
- Driver and helper had not "seen" the hazard/danger



CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

This company posed the following questions to their personnel:

- How could this incident have been prevented?
- Is a forklift the right tool for this job? Are there situations like this one in your work? Are you aware of the Hazard/Danger of these type of operations?



Helper decided to use foot to guide kelly.



Kelly sides off of forks and onto helper's foot.

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