

New Mexico Occupational Health & Safety

FATAL FACTS



No. 8775-019

Accident Type:	Struck against
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Dry and Calm
Type of Operation:	Forklift operations
Size of Work Crew:	3
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	No
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	No
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	No
Training and Education Provided:	No
Employees Job Titles:	Warehouse labor
Age & Gender:	66 Male
Experience at this Type of Work:	Twenty years
Time on Project:	Minutes



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The employee was riding on a pallet which was being transported by a forklift. The employee had his foot caught between the pallet and a pole. The employer died six weeks later from blood clots.

INSPECTION RESULTS

The employee and forklift operator were operating in an unsafe manner at the time of the event that caused the injury. The employer had not conducted proper forklift training and was cited for not performing proper training. The employer was also cited for allowing unauthorized personnel to ride on an industrial truck.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

The employer was advised to conduct forklift training for all employees who are required to operate a forklift.