SAFETY ALERT



What happened

A Worker was moving pallets of laminations from the Machine Hall floor to the Tourist addict using a forklift. When bringing the last pallet of laminations up, they decided to restack the top pallet as it looked top heavy. At this point there were 4 pallets stacked on top of each other with the 5th one by itself. The top (4th pallet) was to be placed back on top of the 5th pallet. They went in level with the forks to the top pallet. The forklift and load were standing still waiting for instructions from the spotter when the lamination slid off the pallet and toppled over the pallet from the forks.

Important information & safety reminders

- Worker/Operator of the forklift is an experienced, competent forklift operator.
- The pallets of laminations were being removed as housekeeping.
- The laminations are not new, these came out of a transformer that is filled with oil.
- The area where the laminations were going to be stored was away from workers on a horizontal surface.
- There was a spotter in place that was working from a safe distance.
- The task and the event were discussed by the team.
- The team planned to fail safely, and they did.



What is happening post-event

- As an action these laminations will get strapped to the pallet prior to being moved again.
- The event was discussed by the whole site crew the next morning at the pre-start meeting.

Questions to prompt discussion:

- Could this event have happened at our site?
- What are the key controls/actions/processes we have in place to ensure this doesn't happen?
- Are there any weaknesses, or opportunities to improve, those controls?
- How comfortable does everyone feel with how we manage this type of risk?

Site Owners/People Leaders/H&S Reps: please discuss this Safety Alert with your team as soon as practical.