

ACCIDENT REPORT

DISASTER FACTS



• U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 133

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type:	Crushed
Weather Conditions:	Inside
Type of Operation:	Powered industrial truck
Size of Work Crew:	1
Union or Non-Union:	Non-union
Worksite inspection conducted:	No
Competent safety monitoring on-site:	Yes
Safety and Health Program in effect:	Adequate
Training and education for employees:	Inadequate
Craft of deceased employee:	Operator
Age/Sex:	22/Male
Time on job:	Six months
Time at task:	15 minutes



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

An employee operating a Crown SP48 stock picker (material handling machine) had just retrieved several large furniture items from the metal shelving for a customer. These items had not been placed on the stock picker securely. As the employee was simultaneously negotiating the stock picker backwards and upwards down an aisle, the furniture on the stock picker shifted and snagged on a shelving unit. The snagged furniture collapsed onto the employee, pinning him to the controls of the stock picker.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Stock pickers shall not be operated with unstable loads. 29 CFR 1910.178(o)
2. The operator shall always have a clear view in the direction of travel. 29 CFR 1910.178(n)
3. All employees are to be trained in the hazards, and applicable standards, associated with the type of work they are performing.

YOU HAVE A VOICE IN THE WORKPLACE

THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970 affords workers the right to a safe workplace. OSHA requires employers to provide a workplace that is free of serious recognized hazards and in compliance with OSHA standards. Workers have the right to FILE A COMPLAINT WITH OSHA if they believe that there are either violations of OSHA standards or serious workplace hazards. Contact the [OSHA Area office](#) nearest you or contact our toll free number: 1-800-321-

OSHA (6742)... TTY 1-877-889-5627. To file a complaint online or obtain information on your rights in the workplace, see [OSHA's Worker Rights page](#).

OSHA Standards, regulations, documents and technical information are available on the Internet World Wide web at: <http://www.osha.gov>

For hard copies of OSHA Standards [29 CFR Parts 1910 and 1926], which include all OSHA job safety and health rules and regulations, contact the Government Printing Office, phone (202) 512-1800, fax (202) 512-2250.

OSHA-funded free consultation services are listed in telephone directories under U.S. Labor Department or under the state government section where states administer their own OSHA programs.

Courses in occupational health and safety are offered by the OSHA Training Institute, 2020 Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, phone (847) 759-7752, and the Metropolitan Community Colleges Business & Technology Center, 1775 Universal Ave., Kansas City, MO 64120, phone (816) 604-1600.

Note: This case described was selected as being representative of improper work practices which likely contributed to a fatality from an accident. The accident prevention recommendations do not necessarily reflect the outcome of the legal aspects of the incident case. OSHA encourages your company or organization to duplicate and share this information. To be placed on the email distribution list, contact Peggy Taylor at U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA, 2300 Main, Suite 1010, Kansas City, MO 64108, or e-mail taylor.peggy@dol.gov.