

Tipped Forklift



WHAT HAPPENED?

An employee was reversing loaded machine, accidentally triggered the `tilt` toggle instead of the `lower` toggle. => With the load high and tilting forward, the counterweight was insufficient to counteract the change in centre of gravity => Forklift tipped forwards to ground => Near Miss, Cargo damage => No injury –driver was wearing seatbelt.

SAFE WORK PRACTICES:

- Stay Alert! Know your lift and tilt levers, not all machines have the same controls
- Do not travel with the mast tilted forward
- Do not tilt mast forward except when picking up and depositing a load
- Do not make sudden turns or turns at high speed, the high centre of gravity can cause machine to tip easily
- Keep load low at all times when not stacking
- Move only when you are sure the load is stable
- Wear your seat belt! This driver would have been thrown from the machine had he not been safely wearing his seatbelt

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