

#26: Crushed By – Inspection #1009797

A **45 year old male** employee was crushed by a powered industrial truck. The victim was off-loading masonry block, sand and bagged mortar at a residential construction site. The victim was utilizing a tri-wheeled forklift transported to the site attached to the rear of the trailer. The supplies were being off-loaded and staged on a sloped surface when the lift apparently overturned, crushing the operator/victim. The overturned equipment and victim were discovered by another employee of a different company working at the site.

Citation(s) as Originally Issued

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

Citation 1

Item 1 T.C.A. 50-3-105(1)	The employer did not furnish to each of his employees conditions of employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees: In that employees were allowed to operate Moffett manufactured truck-mounted forklifts, without wearing seatbelts.
Item 2a 1910.178(l)(1)(i)	The employer did not ensure that each powered industrial truck operator is competent to operate a powered industrial truck safely, as demonstrated by the successful completion of the training and evaluation specified in this paragraph (l): In that an employee was allowed to operator a Moffett manufactured, truck-mounted forklift, without being trained.
Item 2b 1910.178(l)(4)(iii)	An evaluation of each powered industrial truck operator’s performance was not conducted at last once every three years: In that the employer did not provide an evaluation for each powered industrial truck operator at least once every three years.
Item 2c 1910.178(l)(6)	The employer did not certify that each operator has been trained and evaluated as required by this paragraph (l). the certification shall include the name of the operator, the date of the training, the date of the evaluation, and the identity of the person(s) performing the training or evaluation: the employer did not have documentation of forklift training and evaluation for employees who operate Moffett manufactured rough terrain forklift trucks to deliver concrete blocks, mortar mix, and sand.

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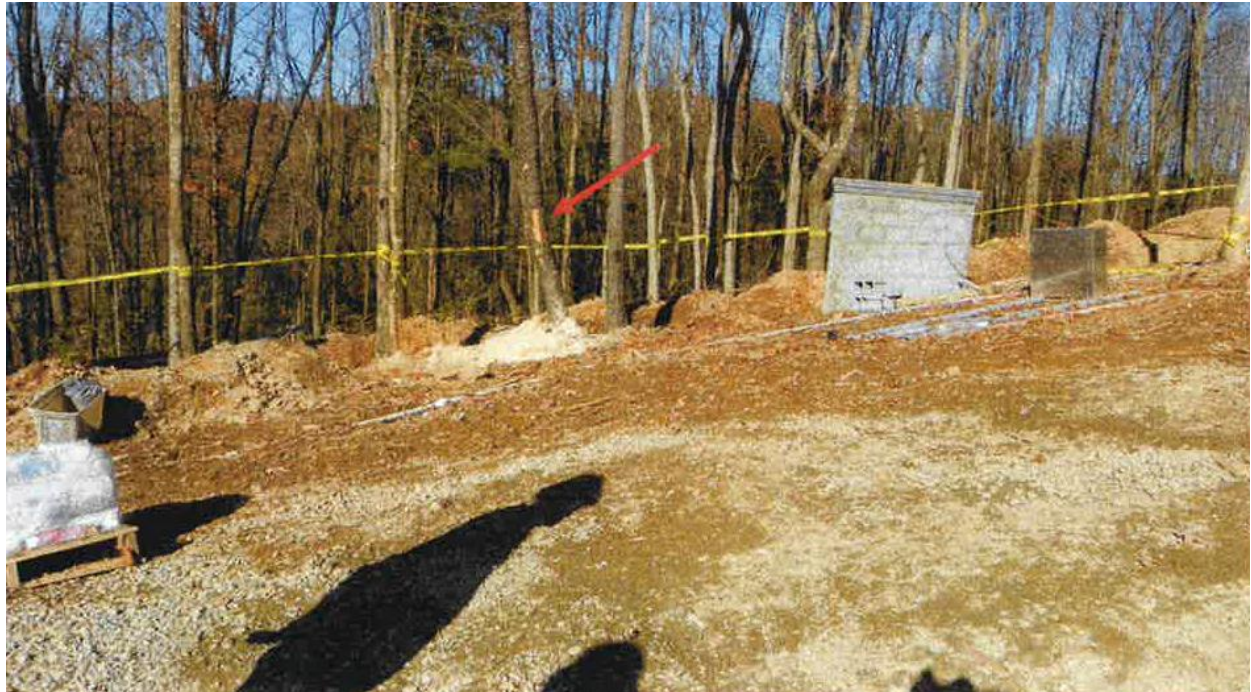


Photo 1 of 1: The forklift was found turned over on the left side at the base of the tree (red arrow).