

Contractor Fatality – Fall from Elevation



Driver fell from this point to asphalt below.



•**58 year old male contract employee**

•**Activity:** A delivery driver was accessing a forklift positioned on top of a lowboy trailer, approximately **17 inches** above an existing asphalt parking lot surface. The worker lost his footing as he descended from the forklift. He fell straight back, striking his hardhat and the back of his head on the asphalt surface.

•**Injury: Fatality from traumatic brain injury**

•**Direct Cause:**

➤ Loss of balance/footing while descending from forklift

•**Root Cause:**

➤ Inadequate hazard assessment and safety oversight of equipment delivery process

•**Lessons Learned:**

➤ Equipment must be accessed according to the manufacturer's operating manual

➤ The availability of adequate surface area for footing must be ensured when mounting/dismounting equipment