

Company Penalized \$40,000 for Serious Injuries to Bystander by Forklift



At a wharf, a fisherman who wasn't a company employee was struck by a forklift and sustained serious injuries that severely restricted his mobility. The company pleaded guilty to two OHS violations: failing to ensure that the maintenance of the forklift met the requirements of the applicable CSA standard and failing to conduct the undertaking so that persons not in their employ weren't exposed to hazards. The court fined it \$35,000 and ordered it to contribute \$5,000 for the purpose of public education. A single charge against a company supervisor was withdrawn [*Barry Group Inc.*, Govt. News Release, July 26, 2013].