Employer Fined $50,000 for Forklift Incident

A worker was using an order picker forklift to move empty pallets at a warehouse. He operated the forklift in reverse down an aisle, with the pallets stacked loosely on the forks. A pallet came into contact with a nearby rack and was pushed into the operator’s compartment, pinning and injuring his leg. The employer pleaded guilty to failing to ensure that materials were carried or moved in a way that didn’t endanger the safety of any worker and was fined $50,000 [*Anixter Canada Inc.*, Govt. News Release, Feb. 17, 2015].