

Young Worker Injured When Struck by Reversing Forklift



Workers cleaning a drywall warehouse at a building centre were using a forklift to help them organize materials. A young worker approached the forklift and walked behind it, thinking its operator had seen him. The forklift operator reversed the forklift, which struck and ran over the worker, causing bone fractures and nerve damage. The owner pleaded guilty to failing to ensure that barriers, warning signs or other safeguards were in place to protect workers in an area where vehicular traffic may endanger a worker. The court fined it \$65,000 [4536631 *Canada Inc.*, Govt. News Release, April 3, 2012].