

YOUTH KILLED IN FORKLIFT ROLLOVER!



In a recent incident, a 17-year-old worker, Carlos M.*, died when a forklift rolled over onto him. He had just started to work for an agricultural supply store. He was hired to bag customer purchases. Carlos started work before he was trained. He overheard a customer ask for some hay bales, and went to get them with the forklift. The forklift tipped over when Carlos backed over a gutter.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

Carlos was too young to drive the forklift.

Carlos began to work before he was trained.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

Never let workers less than 18 years old use power driven machinery. Put warning labels on the machinery that say it shouldn't be used by younger workers.

Make sure all workers receive safety training before they begin work.

The California Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) program has been investigating work-related deaths since 1992. The goal of the FACE program is to prevent these deaths by informing workers and managers of worksite hazards and how to avoid them.

For complete fatality reports of this case (04CA007), or other cases, and additional information on the California FACE program, please contact:

California Department of Public Health
Occupational Health Branch (OHB), FACE Program
850 Marina Bay Parkway, Building P, 3rd Floor, Richmond, CA 94804
(510) 620-5757

<http://cdph.ca.gov/face>

CA Relay Service: 711 or (800) 735-2929 (hearing/speech impaired)

To obtain a copy of this document in an alternate format, please contact OHB at (510) 620-5757. Allow at least 10 days to coordinate alternate format services.

* Not the victim's real name

PLEASE POST

California Department of Public Health
Occupational Health Branch, FACE Program
850 Marina Bay Parkway, Building P, 3rd Floor
Richmond, CA 94804



FACE stands for "Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation." The purpose of the **FACE** program is to identify hazards that may cause work-related deaths so that employers and employees can help prevent them.

FACE is a program run by the Occupational Health Branch within the California Department of Public Health, and funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor
State of California
Kimberly Belshe, Secretary
Health and Human Services Agency
Mark B. Horton, Director
Department of Public Health
JUNE 2005

