

TEXAS MUTUAL SAFETY ALERT



As a service to our policyholders, Texas Mutual shares common workplace injuries reported to our claims department. Our goal is to help you ensure these types of accidents do not happen in your workplace. Find tips and suggested e-Learning training courses below to help keep your employees safe on the job.

If you have questions, we encourage you to call our safety services support center at **844-WORKSAFE (967-5723)** between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST.

IN THIS ALERT

- Lockout/tagout
- Struck by materials

EMPLOYEE GETS CAUGHT IN PRESS MACHINE

An employee was cutting boxes up using a press machine and needed to clear out the machine. He turned it off before getting underneath it, but then the blade came down on his hand and partially amputated four of his fingertips. The injured employee drove himself to the medical facility for treatment.



! Safety tips:

- Only trained, authorized personnel should complete cleaning, adjusting or maintenance on machinery.
- If you do not feel confident in recognizing the hazards of your job task, ask your supervisor for clarification.
- Proper lockout/tagout procedures must be followed before performing any maintenance on a machine, even a small jam.
- If an injury occurs, alert a supervisor immediately so that they can arrange medical treatment.

e-Learning course suggestions:

Lockout Tagout for Affected Employees

Lockout Tagout for Authorized Employees

EMPLOYEE IS STRUCK BY FALLING MATERIALS

An employee was removing heavy pipes from an open shelving unit using a forklift. While trying to execute a lift, a pipe fell and rolled onto another employee who was standing in the aisle behind the shelf.



! Safety tips:

- Only properly trained and certified employees should operate a forklift.
- Evaluate your racking systems to ensure they are safely and securely holding items.
- Ensure that all materials on shelving are secured and try to store the heaviest materials around waist level.
- Make sure that all items are stored securely on a forklift before moving them.
- When lifting overhead material, clear and block off the area in front of and behind the shelf until the material is safely lowered.

e-Learning course suggestions:

Forklift Safety
Forklifts — Reducing Product Damage
Pedestrian Safety

GET FREE SAFETY RESOURCES

Texas Mutual policyholders have access to thousands of free training materials in our multimedia [safety resource center](#), including 200 free e-Learning online training courses. With e-Learning, you can assign safety courses to your employees to help train them and keep them safe.

To access the free materials, log into your [texasmutual.com](#) account and select safety resources. If you need help accessing the safety resource center or you have a workplace safety question, call us toll-free at **844-WORKSAFE (967-5723)**.