

# FATAL



WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION  
BOARD OF BRITISH  
COLUMBIA

POSTER # 95-02

Industry: Manufacturing Age: 41 Experience: Many Years Area: Lower Mainland

## Use caution when backing down inclines

A forklift operator was backing a machine down a 21-percent slope when he tried to turn the loaded forklift. The right rear wheel started to climb a steep bank and the machine tipped over. He suffered fatal injuries when his head was crushed by the metal protective structure. He was not wearing a seat belt. A seat belt may have secured him from falling against the protective structure.

### Prevention alert:

- Develop written safe work procedures for forklift operations.
- Do not turn sideways when operating a forklift on an incline.
- Wear a seat belt when a forklift is equipped with one.

