

Safety Alert



Explosives Inspectorate

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Forklift rollover while handling ammonium nitrate

What happened?

A forklift operator was removing a 1.2 tonne torn bulka bag of ammonium nitrate from a loaded semitrailer when the semitrailer moved forward.

The forklift truck was pulled over onto its side. There was also an ammonium nitrate spill.

Recommendations

1. Safety management systems and standard operating procedures should be reviewed to ensure that there is clear leadership and control of operations, and that directives are effectively communicated.
2. Emergency response plans should be clearly understood before activities are communicated.
3. Licence holders should check that approved and documented systems are followed, and records kept.
4. Standard operating procedures should be regularly reviewed, audited and verified.



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