

## Lesson Learned Briefing

**No.:** LL12-0004

**Title:** Person bumped with forklift

**Event:** Other Facility Event

**Event Date:** 12/15/2011

**Category:** ES&H - Powered Industrial Trucks

**Summary:**

Lesson ID: Y-2011-OR-BWY12-0906

Originating Organization: B&W Y-12 ORGANIZATION:

Material Management

Date: 12/15/2011

**Lessons Learned Statement:**

Employees must remain aware of their surroundings and alert to other activities taking place in their immediate area, especially those areas characterized as "high traffic" areas.

**Discussion:**

On April 26, 2011, after performing container movement activities on a forklift, a Material Clerk was backing up to retrieve more material. While backing up, the Material Clerk bumped a Controller that was in the area with the forklift. The Material Clerk stopped and asked if the Controller was okay; he then reported the event to the supervisor and work was suspended. Both the Controller and fork-lift driver reported to Y-12 Medical for evaluation. There were no injuries and both were released without restrictions.

The Controller indicated that she had several tasks to perform. When she completed her discussion with the Material Clerk operating the forklift, she walked away to perform another task. Her path took her directly behind the moving forklift. The forklift driver was focused on the container that was being moved and did not see the Controller behind him as he pulled away for the container. Both employees indicated that they should have been more

alert to activities taking place around them. Note: The backup alert horn was operable as he backed up.

A "Safety Pause" was observed before the end of the shift to brief other employees in the facility about the incident, and to remind employees to be aware of other activities that are occurring in the work area and remain "present and in the moment."

Actions to prevent recurrence:  
Consider implementing the use of forklift spotters in "high traffic" areas to prevent personal injury.

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