

## Worker seriously injured when 1 tonne load fell on him

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The UK Health and Safety Executive (UK HSE) has successfully prosecuted a cargo handling company after an employee suffered serious injury when a sheet of marble weighing one tonne fell on him.

### What happened?

The incident occurred when the worker was assisting a fork lift truck operator to move a one tonne sheet of marble from a container. The marble sheet fell on him, causing him serious and extensive crush injuries to his legs as well as a fractured sternum and severe lacerations to the back of his head.

The HSE investigation found that there was an unsafe system of work being used to move the load.

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