

Safety Flash

Use of forklift hitches for towing



Please Communicate the following information with your team. Direct questions to David Kolafa. X24071

What is happening: Aftermarket hitches are being used on Forklifts to move compressors, welding machines and material trailers.



Why is it happening: Personnel are not utilizing the right tool for the job. Forklifts should be used for lifting materials not towing. Using aftermarket hitch with a forklift will create unsafe conditions, especially when towing. The devices shown to the right should only be utilized for spotting equipment.



What needs to be done now: All forklift hitch usage for towing must stop immediately. Please use the right tool for the job.

Summary

Forklifts are being used to pull other equipment with. TAR, Projects and Maintenance must stop this practice immediately. Everyone on site has the responsibility to stop and report unsafe acts.