

Safety

Alert



A man has died after being struck by a load which fell from a forklift at Laverton North recently.

Forklifts have claimed 54 lives since 1985, 15 of those deaths involved pedestrians being struck by loads.

In the wake of this incident, WorkSafe called on industry to review operating practices, particularly ensuring pedestrians and forklifts were separated.

Unless pedestrians and forklifts are separated, there is a serious risk of collision or of a pedestrian or driver being crushed if the load spills.

This risk is exacerbated if the forklift's brakes are applied heavily. Forklifts are among the most common pieces of equipment in Victorian workplaces.

The hazards of operating them safely are well known - so are the solutions. Forklifts must be well-maintained, operators and other employees should have the training and supervision needed for them to work safely.

Forklifts have been the subject of a WorkSafe zero tolerance and education program for two years.

WorkSafe has produced a free forklift safety information kit which is available by Email: publications@workcover.vic.gov.au or phone: 1800 136 089.

Additional forklift safety information is available on WorkSafe's website www.workcover.vic.gov.au

The National Registered Assessors Association (www.nraa.org.au) is running a series of free four-hour WorkSafe-funded forklift safety seminars around the state. Bookings can be made direct to the NRAA by calling Cliff Hardy on 9878 5390.

May 18 at Club Kilsyth, Nth. Bayswater

June 15 at Port Melbourne

FREE Food Safety for Food Handlers. Free Training CD

Food safety legislation requires that you, as an employer, provide all of your staff with at least basic food safety instruction. Many employers are sending staff off site for this training.

This CD will take a rank and file staff member through the basics of food handling. It will still be your responsibility to train your staff in regard to your own in-store Food Safety Plan.

The union, the chains, the ARAV and the Master Grocers have all signed off on the content.

Call 9824 4111 for your Free copy.



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Grocery Merchandiser of the Year
Rainbow Friendly Grocer IGA
Rutherglen IGA Everyday
Fishers SUPA IGA Mildura (Deakin Ave)

Dairy Freezer Merchandiser of the Year
Rainbow Friendly Grocer IGA
Nagambie IGA Everyday
Donges SUPA IGA Young

Produce Merchandiser of the Year
Seymour Friendly Grocer IGA
Rutherglen IGA Everyday
Fishers SUPA IGA Mildura (Deakin Ave)

Meat Merchandiser of the Year
Rutherglen IGA Everyday
Fishers SUPA IGA Mildura (Deakin Ave)

Deli Merchandiser of the Year
Rutherglen IGA Everyday
Champions SUPA IGA Long Gully

Bakery Department of the Year
Barwon Heads IGA Everyday
Champions SUPA IGA Long Gully

Liquor Merchandiser of the Year
Glen Waverley Friendly Grocer IGA
Alchester's IGA Everyday Boronia Heights
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General Merchandiser of the Year
Fishers SUPA IGA Robinvale

Store Manager of the Year
Don Robson - Fishers SUPA IGA Mildura (Deakin Ave)



Community Chest Award
Robert Donges - Donges SUPA IGA Young

2005 Store of the Year
Rainbow Friendly Grocer IGA
Rutherglen IGA Everyday
Fisher's SUPA IGA Mildura (Deakin Ave)

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