



K&S FREIGHTERS

A K&S Freighter employee was injured when a forklift was transferring timber and dislodged a packet of timber which fell onto the driver who was standing nearby. The driver was seriously injured, including fractured legs, fractured pelvis and broken right hip. The forklift operator involved didn't hold a forklift license.

K&S Freighters were ordered to respond to the incident, to address the Control, OHS, Compliance and Educational issues. A key component of their response to the incident was to develop industry best practice Loading & Unloading Exclusion Zone (LUEZ) guidelines. These guidelines were developed by a joint industry committee, at K&S Freighters' expense.

In addition to the development of the LUEZ guidelines, K&S Freighters had to conduct an independant audit to review their OHS, Control, Compliance and Education practices, to identify additional corrective actions. This resulted in additional systems to assess and verify employee's licenses and certificates of current competence, as well as undertaking an extensive education campaign through updated site induction training, safety directives and toolbox talks. The CEO also had ongoing compliance obligations including continuing reporting to ComCare on implementation measures, progress updates, and submission of implementation of audit recommendations.

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WERE IN BREACH
OF THEIR
OBLIGATIONS
UNDER SECTION
16(1) OF THE OH&S
ACT.

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