

In August 2022 an unsecured switchboard fell from a forklift as it was being unloaded on a building site. The 750 kg switchboard landed on the delivery drivers 20 year old son leaving him with life-threatening injuries.

Whenever anything heavy is being unloaded by Cranes or Forklifts it needs to be lifted or craned appropriately, strapped and secured appropriately.

Heavy switchboards and other electrical equipment will come with tech data sheets which advise on lifting points and attachment points which need to be adhered to when unloading.

In the photos you can see the lifting anchor points on the switchboard which were clearly not used in this instance.

We have strict laws and regulations in Victoria for good reason and safety needs to be our priority at all times.

- Never stand under or near a crane, manatou, forklift etc with a load.
- Always secure the load in a sufficient manner with approved straps and equipment.
- Never be complacent as accidents do happen, make sure you get home safe at the end of the day.





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