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ASDA COLLEAGUE IN NEAR-FATAL ACCIDENT

Dear members,

GMB London Region have been made aware of a near-tragic accident in ASDA High Wycombe, where a colleague was struck by a falling pallet of compost.

A pallet of compost was being balanced on another pallet using a forklift when it fell onto a colleague who was walking within a pedestrian walkway.



The colleague was admitted to hospital and has suffered serious injuries, including bruised ribs, a fractured and dislocated ankle, serious head injury, and damage to the pelvis. Due to the seriousness of the incident the police and paramedics attended the store.

GMB London Region have contacted ASDA House to insist that an immediate stop of loaded pallet stacking is put in place across the business until a full investigation and review of the practice, with GMB's involvement, takes place.

SO FAR ASDA HAVE IGNORED THIS REQUEST. IT APPEARS, ONCE AGAIN, ASDA ARE BURYING THEIR HEAD IN THE SAND.

GMB London Region are confident that this issue has occurred due to a lack of suitable training from ASDA. Training is not an option it is a requirement! Colleagues need this NOW!

ASDA MUST IMPLEMENT FIT-FOR-PURPOSE TRAINING NOW BEFORE THERE IS A FATALITY!

GMB London Region recommends members do not undertake loaded pallet stacking as we feel that it is not safe to do, at least until ASDA implements proper guidance / training on the practice.

If you are impacted by a similar issue and would like support or advice, please contact our office at 01603 626492, or visit our GMB Members' Support Centre at www.gmb-asda.com/support

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