



FORKLIFT

Forklift help keep industry moving!!!

Used improperly, forklifts can be dangerous. Accidents can cost companies time and money, and result in serious injuries to workers.

Forklift safety depends on you.

To prevent Forklift accidents, you'll need to:

- Know your equipment and how to use it.
- Learn safety rules - - follow them!
- Stay alert at all times. Guard other people's safety, as well as your own.
- Forklifts should work for you - - not against you.

Follow these 4 safety steps before operating a forklift:

- Get proper authorization. Only fully trained, authorized drivers are legally allowed to operate forklifts. Many plants require that operators have a driver's license, badge, etc.
- Choose the right lift for the job. The location, hazards and load requirements determine which model should be used. Be sure load rating, fittings, accessories (such as lights and backrest extensions) and type of truck are right for the job.
- Wear proper protective gear. The job may require that you wear a protective helmet, goggles, gloves, safety shoes, earmuffs or plugs, breathing protection, etc.
- Read the operator's manual. Make sure you're completely familiar with the equipment and operating instructions.

CHECK EQUIPMENT EVERY DAY

If the forklift is used round the clock, it should be examined after each shift.

For all forklifts, check the following:

- Oil Level
- Tires (pressure, etc.)
- Steering
- Hydraulic Controls
- Warning Devices
- Brakes (service and parking)
- Lights
- Masts and attachments
- Hour Meter
- Safety Guards
- Other Gauges and instruments

For gas, diesel and LPG gas forklifts, check:

- Fuel level
- Coolant level
- Transmission oil level and pressure
- Air Cleaner
- Water level
- Fan Belts
- Clutch
- Inching Pedal

For electrical forklifts, check:

- Battery Electrolyte level
- Battery Specific Gravity
- Battery Cleanliness
- Cable Connections

A forklift should be immediately removed from service if it breaks down or is in any way unsafe.

Report problems to your supervisor.

Handle heavy loads properly. Don't overload the forklift's load capacity. Distribute the load capacity. Distribute the load evenly. While moving, keep the forks low, with mast tilted back. Keep the load uphill when driving up or down on a slope, even if you have to back downhill.

Pay attention at all times. Concentrate on where you're going and what you're doing. Obey all traffic control signs. Stay to the right of other vehicles and pedestrians. Drive in reverse if the load blocks your forward vision (except up slopes). Keep hands, feet and legs inside guards on your forklift.

Drive slowly. Obey speed limits. Slow down and sound horn or stop at blind corners, doorways, etc.

Always start and stop gradually. Watch pedestrians. Sound the horn when approaching someone who's on foot.

Plan ahead. Slow down on wet or slippery surfaces. Note aisle widths and clearance to overhead pipes, ductwork, etc. Approach elevators squarely and cautiously. Block wheels when parking on slope. Never park where you could block emergency lanes or exits. Turn at inside corner of narrow aisles.

Don't fool around. If no approved seating is provided, don't allow another person to hitch a ride on your forklift. Never use the forks as an elevator (unless lift is equipped with safety platform).

Performing stunts is absolutely prohibited. Operate your forklift only from driver's seat. Never allow an unauthorized person to drive your truck.