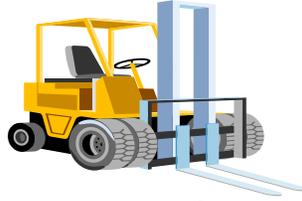


FORKLIFT SAFETY



Operating a forklift can easily become second nature. Even the best of us sometimes forget important safety measures. But just one misstep can lead to an accident that can cause serious injuries or even death.

Ignoring forklift safety can lead to serious injuries

- 100 deaths per year
- Over 36,000 serious injuries per year
- 25% of accidents due to inadequate training
- Accidents occur when operator becomes unaware of environment

Properly inspect forklifts before operating

- *Structure:* Case, overhead guard, forks, tires, leaks
- *Mechanisms:* battery, horns, warning lights, brakes, seat brake, clutch, gauges
- *Control:* forward and reverse steering, hydraulic levers
- Do so thoroughly and consistently

Be aware of the environment

- Ground conditions
- Ramps and inclines
- Pedestrians and coworkers
- Narrow aisle, doorways, overhead obstacles

What to do in case of a tip over

- Seat belt should always be securely attached
- Stay in cabin, don't attempt to jump out
- Keep a tight grip on the steering wheel
- Keep feet braced on the floor
- Lean forward and away from the direction of the tip over

Forklift accidents can be prevented

- Carry loads tilted backwards and 6 inches from the ground
- Face direction of travel going no faster than 5 mph
- Use warning lights and horns
- Never exceed maximum load capacity
- With load: drive up and reverse down inclines
- Never give others a ride on your forklift