

FORKLIFT SAFETY



Employees working in and around forklifts are at risk for hazards including collisions, falls, and tip-overs. Staying aware means staying safe. Keep yourself and your co-workers out of harm's way with the following reminders.

KNOW THE HAZARDS

Operators or nearby workers can be injured or even killed if a forklift:

- Tips over.
- Falls off a loading dock.
- Collides with or drops cargo.
- Is stored or refueled improperly.

USE PROTECTIONS

When operating a forklift:

- Use a seatbelt.
- Wear a hardhat.
- Wear shoes with nonskid soles.

INSPECT YOUR MACHINES

OSHA requires forklift inspection before use each day or shift. Operators should never use a forklift that's damaged or not operating properly.

FOLLOW GENERAL SAFETY RULES

- Keep arms, hands, and legs inside the truck.
- Keep an eye out for surface holes, uneven patches, and overhead clearances.
- Don't drive up to a person standing in front of a bench or any fixed object.

WHAT NOT TO DO

- Never indulge in stunt driving or horseplay.
- Never ride directly on the truck's forks.
- Never stand or walk under elevated forklift parts, even when empty.
- Unauthorized persons must not ride on forklift trucks.

Forklift safety rules protect operators and pedestrians. When in doubt, clearly communicate uncertainties in order to identify and avoid hazards.



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