

# Forklift Safety

Forklift safety is the set of procedures utilized for the proper use of forklifts including before and after forklift operations. These forklift safety procedures will minimize the risk of incidents and ensure that the operator and the people within the vicinity are protected.

## What are powered industrial trucks?

Powered industrial trucks, commonly called forklifts or lift trucks, are used in many industries, primarily to move materials. They can also be used to raise, lower, or remove large objects or a number of smaller objects on pallets or in boxes, crates, or other containers. Powered industrial trucks can either be ridden by the operator or controlled by a walking operator. Over-the-road haulage trucks and earth-moving equipment that has been modified to accept forks are not considered powered industrial trucks.

### 10 RULES FORKLIFT SAFETY

- 1 Use safe speeds
- 2 Avoid abrupt stops
- 3 Pedestrians always have the right of way
- 4 Don't pick up other riders
- 5 Be aware of fork position
- 6 Keep right / in lane
- 7 Watch out for blind spots
- 8 Keep alert to floor conditions
- 9 Slow down and sound horn at corners
- 10 Keep the load level stationary when in motion

## SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR FORKLIFT OPERATIONS



▶ Stop, sound horn and proceed with caution at doorways and blind intersections.

▶ Do not let anyone underneath the elevated forks.

▶ Know the load limits of the forklift before operating.



▶ Never use a forklift for elevating people.

▶ Handle only loads that are stable and safely arranged.

▶ Do not maneuver or turn the truck while the forks are in the raised position.



▶ Start, stop and brake smoothly with no sudden, hasty movements.

▶ Brace the load against the fork carriage, the section of the fork that is attached to the mast.



▶ Keep your hands, arms and legs inside the lift truck.

▶ Wear any protective gear, including safety restraints, required for the job.

▶ Always -PAY ATTENTION.

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