

STOP. LOOK. LISTEN.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS.



TIME TO REVIEW
5 MIN.



WHAT IT IS

A Powered Industrial Truck is a mobile, power-driven vehicle used to carry, push, pull, lift or stack material.

- They include forklifts or lift trucks (sit down and stand up riders, pallet jack riders, etc.)



WHY TRAINING IS IMPORTANT

Forklifts are an important part of material handling in many industries. They are also a source of serious accidents. All personnel who operate forklifts must be trained and certified every three years, including both classroom and vehicle operation.



WHY IS IT DANGEROUS

The most recent OSHA data indicates 95,000 workers are injured, and approximately 100 are killed each year in forklift related incidents. Injuries commonly caused by forklift incidents include; tip over accident, incidents that involve pedestrians/riders, and improperly raising personnel with the forks.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

- Conduct a pre-operational inspection
- Wear your seatbelt
- Keep load low
- Plan your route & maintain safe visibility
- Follow safe speed limits
- Do not block aisle ways
- Do not walk under raised loads
- Avoid sharp turns

WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR

Forklift stability is based on the same concept as a teeter-totter. The load on the forks must be balanced by the weight of the forklift. The center of gravity is the single point where an object is balanced in all directions.

When a forklift picks up a load, the truck and load have a new combined center of gravity. The stability of the forklift is determined by the location of its center of gravity, or if the forklift is loaded, the combined center of gravity.



REMEMBER!



BE AWARE

Stay alert and recognize hazards. These actions build a stronger safety culture!



GET TRAINING

Operators must be trained and certified to operate forklifts.



RECERTIFICATION

Recertification must take place at least every 3 years.