

SAFETY CHECKLIST

FORKLIFT SAFETY ESSENTIALS

Forklift operation is not as simple as it looks, but operators can learn to recognize and avoid hazards, as well as understand the proper operational practices for working in marine terminals and shipyards, which can differ from the general construction industry.

Nearly 100,000 workers are injured each year due to improper training or carelessness. While this number is staggering, the good news is that forklift injuries and fatalities are largely preventable. In fact, over 70% of all forklift accidents can be avoided with proper training and policy implementation.



CHECK THE STRENGTH OF YOUR FORKLIFT SAFETY PROGRAM

- Have all forklift operators received training as required by OSHA's Powered Industrial Truck Operator's training standard?
- Do forklift operators properly drive on grades and ramps?
- How are operators of forklifts trained to safely work around workers on foot?
- Do forklift operators know what to do if the forklift overturns?
- Have workers on foot been trained to safely work around forklifts?
- Do operators know how to determine the forklift's load capacity?
- Who is required to perform and document prior to use safety inspections of forklifts?
- Are seat belts required and who reminds workers to use seat belts?
- Do operators know how the load capacity of the forklift changes when using lifting attachments rather than forks?
- Who is authorized to fuel forklifts? Have those persons received training for this task?
- What is the safest method to mount and dismount a forklift?

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