

In the warehouse, forklift operators and workers nearby are at risk of hazards such as collisions, falls, tip-overs, and struck-by conditions.

- Every forklift operator must be trained and certified.
- No one under the age of 18 is allowed to operate a forklift.
- Always wear seatbelts when operating a forklift.
- Absolutely no stunt driving or horseplay is allowed.
- Have clear visibility of the work area to ensure you have enough clearance when raising, loading, and operating a forklift.
- Watch for pedestrians and other vehicles in the warehouse. Observe speed limits. Use horns at cross aisles and obstructed areas.
- Consider the noise level in the warehouse. Do not assume other workers can hear a back-up alarm.
- Do not allow passengers to ride on a forklift unless the forklift is specifically designed that way.

Wear PPE appropriate for the work tasks which may include gloves, steel-toed boots, safety glasses, safety vests, and hard hats.



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Slips, trips, and falls can be a danger in warehouses, especially if good housekeeping isn't a priority.

- Materials may have a tendency to pile up in a way that obstructs or partially blocks the walkways or aisles. Keep paths clear so workers and forklifts can move safely.
- All areas shall be kept free from the accumulation of materials, trash, and extension cords that could be hazardous including anything else that could be a trip, fire, and pest hazards.
- Keep floors dry and clean up spills immediately.
- Exposed or open loading dock doors and other areas that workers could fall 4 feet or more or walk off should be chained off, roped off, or otherwise blocked.
- Never jump off forklifts, loading docks, or ladders.

- If lifting is required to move a load, remember to keep your back straight, and bend at the knees, not at the waist. Never twist while lifting a load.
- Stack heavier goods and materials that will be handled manually on the bottom or mid-level shelves to reduce strain on the back.
- Prevent falling object hazards by stacking and storing materials safely.
- When stacking, consider the height restrictions, clearance limits, maximum safe load limits, and the need for availability of the material.
- Material and supplies should never block access to emergency exits, fire extinguishers, fire alarms, fire hoses, or electrical panel boxes.
- When cutting shrink wrap, boxes or other material, direct the blade away from your face and body.
- Practice good ladder safety. Never use a damaged ladder. Maintain 3-points of contact when climbing up or down a ladder.
- Never pull a pallet jack down an incline. When descending any ramp, always keep the pallet jack in front of you.

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