



Forklift Safety

It is essential that all forklift operators obey all standard operating procedures while operating forklifts. Operators must conduct a pre-trip safety inspection to ensure the unit is in proper working condition. Operators must also pay close attention to the capacity rating of the forklift they utilize by referring to the unit's data plate; failure to observe maximum capacity can lead to severe damage or injury.

Forklift Safety Practices

- Never operate a forklift that you have not been specifically trained or certified to operate.
- Choose the correct forklift for the task.
- Always perform a pre-trip safety inspection before use.
- Seatbelts must always be worn, keep hands and feet inside the cage at all times & obey all warning placards.
- Verify weight of load before lifting.
- Use blades of correct length; set blades at the proper width and adjust the tilt for maximum stability before lifting.
- Place loads as close to the base of the mast as possible, tilt loads back to increase stability, do not travel with elevated loads and do not raise or lower loads while the forklift is in motion.
- Never drive with an obstructed view! When using mirrors always look in both directions before backing up and use the horn to indicate forward or reverse movement, or when approaching blind corners. **NEVER ASSUME THAT PEDESTRIANS SEE OR HEAR YOU!**
- Slowdown in congested areas, slippery conditions or when approaching grades, never travel faster than conditions or your load allow.
- Reduce speed while turning to prevent load from shifting, never turn with forks elevated or on grades; always come to a complete stop before changing direction.
- Never carry passengers or raise a person on the fork blades without an approved man-cage secured to the lift.
- If leaving a forklift unattended, lower the forks with blade tips touching the ground, neutralize controls, turn off power and set the parking brake.

Keep these rules in mind and you will be good to go!

Forklift Safety Flow Rap

Yo, listen up, this is serious stuff,
Operating forklifts, you gotta play it tough!
Start your day with a **pre-trip check**,
Make sure that forklift's safe—what's next?

Seatbelt on, hands and feet inside,
Obey the rules, no need to hide.
Capacity rating's key, don't miss the sign,
Too heavy a load? You're crossing the line!

Load check: verify the weight,
Don't skip this step—it's never too late.
Fork blades set right, stability's your friend,
Get it wrong? Well, that could be the end!

Tilt it back for the right position,
Never raise loads in motion—it's a risky decision.
Obstructed view? That's a no-go,
Always check your mirrors, take it slow!

Don't speed up in a crowded zone,
On slick floors, you better tone it down.
Turn slow, keep your load intact,
Don't raise forks on a grade—that's a fact.

No passengers—it's not a ride,
If you need to lift someone, get a cage for the side.
Leaving the forklift? Lower it down,
Put the forks to the ground, don't mess around.

Park it right—neutralize the gears,
Turn it off, no power, no fears.
Set the brake, leave it neat,
Now you're done—safety's complete!

