

# Prevent Forklift Accidents

## If you work with, on, or around forklifts, remember:

- Only trained, authorized employees may operate forklifts.
- Forklifts must be carefully inspected—the tires, brakes, steering, horn, forks, etc.—before use each day or shift.
- A forklift that’s damaged or not operating properly must not be used.



## If you work around forklifts:

- Be alert to oncoming vehicles and horn signals.
- Don’t try to hitch a ride on a forklift.
- Don’t stand or walk under elevated forks, even if they’re empty.



## If you operate a forklift:

- Check your route in advance, so you’re aware of overhead clearances and poor or obstructed road surfaces.
- Never indulge in stunt driving or horseplay.
- Keep your arms, hands, and legs inside the truck.
- Wear safety belt, hard hat, sturdy shoes with nonskid soles, and any other PPE required by your employer.
- Obey speed limits, stay in your lane.
- Stay at least three truck lengths behind the vehicle in front.
- Slow down for turns; sound the horn at intersections; and come to a stop before going into reverse.
- Yield to pedestrians and emergency vehicles.
- Stay a safe distance from ramp or platform edges.
- Refuel or recharge only in assigned areas and follow proper precautions.



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