Safe forklift operation

Forklifts are a very important part of material handling in many industries, but they can also be a source of serious accidents. All personnel who operate forklifts must be trained and certified in safe operation at least once a year. The training includes both classroom and vehicle operation. Written and driving tests are administered by a certified instructor.

Here are some basic safety rules to remember when operating a forklift.

Operator responsibility

- 1. The operator is in charge of his/her own vehicle. As such they are responsible for their own safety, vehicle, load, company property and equipment, and other employees or pedestrians.
- 2. Only qualified drivers may operate forklifts. This will be determined by your supervisor and be based upon experience and training.
- 3. Don't forget your safety gear. Wear a hard hat, safety glasses, hearing protection, and safety shoes as required.
- 4. Horseplay is prohibited.
- 5. Report all accidents immediately.
- 6. No riders are allowed.

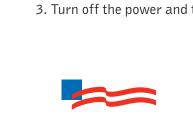
Traffic safety

In general, observe the usual traffic rules and regulations whenever possible. These include:

- 1. Keep to the right on roadways and wide aisles.
- 2. Drive at a reasonable speed depending on location and condition of surface.
- 3. Slow down at intersections, corners, ramps, and other danger points.
- 4. Leave plenty of space between forklifts when moving.
- 5. Use your horn in blind spots and use your mirrors
- 6. Watch when turning that you don't cut too short.
- 7. Be alert for wet and slippery surfaces while driving.
- 8. Give pedestrians the right of way. Assume they are not aware of forklift traffic.
- 9. Stop at all stop signs.

Parking

- 1. When parking, do not block traffic.
- 2. Park with the forks lowered to the floor.
- 3. Turn off the power and take the key with you.





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