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Safety is Priority # 1

Forklift Operator Training

Our highly skilled Certified Master Trainers will come to your site and train your operators on your equipment and your specific applications. Trupar prides itself on not only delivering the most complete and comprehensive classroom training but also practical, hands-on instruction. We consider this the most important part of any operator training program and we cut no corners when evaluating each and every operator. The ultimate goal is a safe workplace environment and that's what Trupar's programs are designed to deliver. We also offer offsite classes in either Forklift operator safety certification or Train the Trainer. Contact Trupar for a quote on getting your staff certified

Who is required to get forklift or lift truck safety training?

Employers are required by law to ensure that their industrial truck operators receive both hands-on and formal (classroom) training by a qualified instructor.

All operators of lift trucks must be trained in order to be compliant.

Compliance with these regulations is the employer's responsibility.

All operators of lift trucks must be re-trained **EVERY 3 YEARS.**



Requirements include:

Classroom training with specific requirements;

Work site hazard training;

Orientation to specific lift truck models being used;

Skill assessment of individual operators

Once I am trained do I have to get retrained?

Yes, you must be retrained every 3 years.

In addition OSHA 29 cfr 1910.178 regulations for Forklift Operator Training,

includes a requirement for Refresher Training when:

- Operators have been observed to operate in an unsafe manner.
- There has been an accident or a near miss.

- Operators are reassigned to a new type of truck of a different work environment.

Forklifts are an essential part of many industrial operations, but they are also involved in 10 percent of all serious industrial accidents every year.



Forklift-related accidents result in nearly 100 deaths and 20,000 serious injuries each year.

One percent of factory accidents involve forklift trucks, but the forklift accidents produce ten percent of the physical injuries.

What are the causes of forklift accidents?

26 percent of forklift accidents are caused by the forklift tipping over from overloading weight.

18 percent of forklift accidents involve employees or pedestrians being hit by forklifts.

14 percent of forklift accidents occur by the load falling off of the forklift.

14 percent of forklift accidents occur when forklifts are used to elevate people.

7 percent of forklift accidents occur due to forklifts accidentally being driven off loading docks

7 percent of forklift accidents occur due of improper or no forklift maintenance such as malfunctioning of the brakes,

steering, transmission, or hydraulic system. Missing or malfunctioning safety devices can contribute to a forklift accident. Forklifts should be equipped with a roll over protection system which will prevent the forklift operator from being thrown or crushed in the event the forklift tips over.

7 percent is caused by improper workplace design for forklift operation such as narrow or crowded aisles, a high level of foot traffic where the forklift is operated, vision obstructions, and other workplace conditions such as light and noise are all hazards that might contribute to a forklift accident.

3 percent of forklift accidents occur because of loss of forklift control by the operator.

3 percent of forklift accidents occur because of improper use of fork lift.

Under the new regulations, all industrial truck operators in all industries are included in OSHA Standard 29CFR1910.178. That includes but is not limited to Construction (1926), General Industry, Shipyards (1915), Marine Terminals (1917) and Longshoring operations (1918), with the exception of Agricultural Operations.

All industrial Truck operators hired **BEFORE** December 1st. 1999, must receive the required training and written evaluation **BEFORE** December 1st. 1999, and the company must maintain an operator file with proof of adequate training.

All industrial Truck operators hired **AFTER** December 1st. 1999, must receive the required training and written

evaluation BEFORE they are allowed to operate the equipment, and the company must maintain an operator file with proof of adequate training.

Forklift trucks are so dangerous that the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) prohibits any workers under age 18 from operating forklifts or similar equipment in nonagricultural industries. And no one over 18 can operate them unless they have been properly trained and authorized.