

Forklift Safety

Forklift operators must know and follow equipment operating procedures and safety rules for forklift operation. Hazards that require attention include:

- Equipment operation
- Traffic paths & surfaces
- Operation around pedestrians
- Loading & unloading characteristics
- Height & travel clearance
- Forklift ratings



Safety in Every Situation!

Daily Checklists



Make sure you check a forklift's controls every day before use! This includes steering, leaks, brakes, the horn, missing parts, lights, fire extinguisher, seatbelts, and the forklift's battery.

Dock Safety



- Inspect the truck floor
- Check if trailer is chocked
- Inspect dock plates
- Look for liquid spills
- Watch other traffic
- Check dock-locks
- Check warning lights

Parking Procedures



- Lower forks and set brake
- Turn off motor and remove keys
- Always park on level surfaces
- Don't block emergency exits or equipment
- Park away from other hazards

Hazard Awareness



- Inspect the truck floor
- Check if trailer is chocked
- Inspect dock plates
- Look for liquid spills
- Watch other traffic
- Check dock-locks
- Check warning lights

Traveling Safety



- Tilt the mast back before traveling
- Keep forks 4-6 inches off the floor
- Keep 10 feet clearance between mast and overhead power lines
- Position the load against back rest
- On-ramps must have the load positioned uphill of the forklift
- Never overload the forklift

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