

Forklifts

Most forklift accidents involve employees who don't follow safe operating procedures or employers who don't enforce safe work practices or don't train operators properly.

Smart practices

- The shear points on all forklift loaders and similar vehicles are guarded.
- If employees operate non-electric powered forklifts in enclosed areas, the areas are well ventilated.
- Employees are prohibited from walking under the raised forks of a forklift.
- The operator is the only person permitted to ride a forklift unless the forklift is designed to accommodate another rider.
- When employees leave a forklift unattended, they lower the forks or the platform, neutralize the controls, turn the power off, and set the brakes.
- Employees shut off forklifts when they fuel them.
- Only authorized persons are permitted to repair forklifts.
- Employees safety-check forklifts before they use them and take them out of service when they are unsafe.
- You have a training program for employees who operate forklifts that meets the requirements of 437-004-1700(8).

What OR-OSHA rules apply?

437-004-1700 *Forklifts and other powered industrial trucks.*
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