

Forklift Safety: Look, Load, Drive

Why it matters. Forklifts are heavy, quiet and hard to see around. Overturns, people struck by the truck and falling loads cause serious injuries and deaths every year. Only trained and authorized operators may drive one.

KEY POINTS

- Only trained, evaluated and authorized operators drive forklifts.
- Check the truck before every shift. A truck with a safety fault is taken out of service.
- Never lift more than the capacity on the data plate. Keep the load low and tilted back while you travel.
- Wear the seat belt. In a tip-over, stay in the seat, hold on and lean away from the fall.
- Pedestrians: make eye contact, use the walkways, and never walk under raised forks.

STEP BY STEP

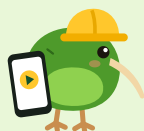
1. Do the pre-use inspection and record it.
2. Fasten the seat belt and check that the path is clear.
3. Approach the load slowly, set the forks to the pallet width and lift it.
4. Travel with the forks low and the mast tilted back. Look in the direction of travel.
5. Slow down at corners, doors and crossings, and sound the horn.
6. On a ramp, keep the load on the uphill side.
7. Park: forks fully lowered, controls in neutral, parking brake on, power off, key out.

NEVER

- ✗ Never give anyone a ride on the forks or the truck.
- ✗ Never let anyone stand or walk under raised forks.
- ✗ Never drive with a load that blocks your view — drive in reverse, or use a spotter.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Where on our site do forklifts and people come closest together?
2. What do we do when a truck fails its pre-use check?
3. Which loads here are close to the truck's capacity?



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