

FORKLIFT SAFETY

Practice the following forklift safety suggestions to avoid potential accidents and injuries.



GUIDELINES

KNOW THE RULES

Do not operate a forklift unless you have been certified to do so by your current employer.

Before you begin work at a new location, check with your supervisor or the safety coordinator and ask about the rules you are expected to follow.

PROTECT YOURSELF

Wear all protective clothing and personal safety devices issued to you or called for by job conditions.

CHECK THE EQUIPMENT

Before you begin your workday, take time to check your machine and have all systems in good operational condition. If the lift is leaking fluid, tag it out and do not use it until it has been repaired.

CHECK THE WORK AREA

Inspect the surface over which you will travel. Watch for anything that might cause you to lose control or cause the forklift to tip over.

HANDLE THE LOAD PROPERLY

Do not get out of the forklift to adjust the load. When you cannot see over the load, drive in reverse.

USE CAUTION

Use the horn to signal when coming around a corner, and always wear a seat belt.