



KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Forklift Safety

Forklift operators and employees working around these operations are at risk of hazards such as collisions, falls, tip-overs, and struck-by conditions.

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Preventing Forklift Injuries:

- Do not operate a forklift unless you have been trained and certified.
- Use seatbelts if they are available.
- Report to your supervisor any damage or problems that occur to a forklift during your shift.
- Exit from a stand-up type forklift with rear-entry access by stepping backwards in case of a lateral tip-over.
- Use extreme caution on grades or ramps.
- On grades, tilt the load back and raise it only as far as needed to clear the road surface.
- Do not raise or lower the forks while the forklift is moving.
- Do not drive up to anyone standing in front of a bench or other fixed object.
- Travel backwards with the load if you cannot see in front of you.
- Sound horn when turning corners where you cannot see.
- Band or secure loads on forklifts if they could fall.
- Make sure the forklift is inspected every day before use.

For more information visit OSHA Standard: 1910.178 (applies to construction)

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