



Forklift Safety 101

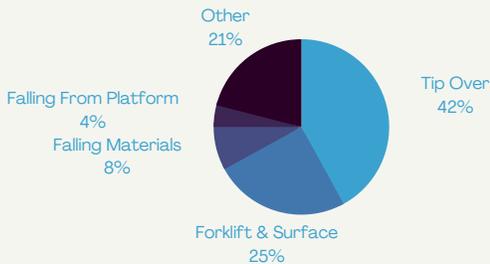
Forklift Safety is essential. Proper training in accordance with OSHA requirements should be the first priority for all forklift operators.

FORKLIFT STATISTICS

- In the United States, 1 in 6 of all workplace deaths are forklift-related. (1)
- Forklift-related accidents cost U.S. business's \$135,000,000 in lost time. (2)
- 90 percent of all forklifts will be involved in some type of accident during their useful lifetime. (2)
- 70% of industrial accidents are caused by operator error. (1)



FORKLIFT RELATED DEATHS



Examples of forklift related deaths.

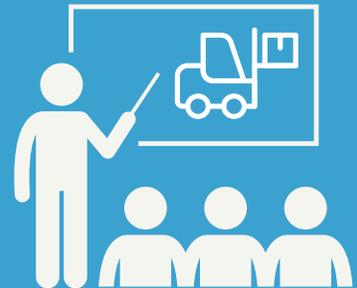
Over 100,000 total accidents (serious and non-serious) happen each year, but nearly 100 workers are killed each year in forklift related accidents. 24% of these accidents are the result of rollovers. (2) Other accidents include workers being struck by the forklift load, by the forklift itself, or workers falling off the forklift.

The need to give safety your utmost attention as a business operator is made clear when assessing the statistics associated with forklift accidents.

THE BEST BET FOR FORKLIFT SAFETY IS TRAINING

If your workplace uses forklifts, The Forklift Training Center suggests the following five ways you can help reduce the likelihood and severity for forklift-related accidents:

1. Review Your Forklift Training Program, or have us train you!
2. Schedule Refresher Training with The Forklift Training Center
3. Schedule Operator Evaluations
4. Vehicle Inspections
5. Protect Pedestrians from Accidents



WHY IS TRAINING SO IMPORTANT?



Effective training may reduce accident rates by 25-30% (2)



Following training, OSHA found a 61% improvement in operator performance scores (2)

According to OSHA, operator training must occur before an employee is permitted to operate any forklift. Forklifts require a specialized set of skills and an employee's ability to drive a car has little to do with their ability to drive a forklift. Forklift operator training is effective in reducing workplace injury and death.

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References

- (1) National Safety Council - injuryfacts.nsc.org/work/safety-topics/forklifts/
- (2) OSHA - www.osha.gov/power-industrial-trucks

