



# SAFETY TAILGATE MEETING

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## FORKLIFT SAFETY

### INTRODUCTION

OSHA estimates that over 1 million power trucks are operated in the United States. Each year there are about 100 fatalities and 200,000 serious injuries related to their operation.



#### Group Discussion:

Have you ever seen an injury involving a forklift? What happened?

In this meeting, we will discuss:

#### (1) DANGERS OF OPERATION

#### (2) OPERATING THEM SAFELY

#### (3) FATALITIES TO LEARN FROM

### DANGERS OF OPERATION

Dangers of forklifts include:

Falling objects: When loads are not secure they can fall and damage people and property.

Tip/Rollover: A lift may weigh 8,000 pounds or more. If it rolls over it is going to do serious harm to anything in its way.

Electrocution: If contact is made with a power line the consequences can be deadly. Stay at least 10' away when the line is up to 50kv (Consult OSHA regulation for more than 40kv).



**Group Discussion:** What other hazards are there?

## OPERATING THEM SAFELY

- A person must be certified to operate a forklift. They must be re-evaluated, at a minimum, every three years.
- Forklifts have differences. You must be trained and evaluated in the specific type you use before you operate it.
- Perform an inspection of the forklift daily prior to use per the manufacturer instructions.
- Evaluate your work area and identify the hazards you will be dealing with.
- Pay close attention to the weight capacity. Follow the load chart / name plate for how much weight you can lift safely.
- Identify where others are working and communicate with them. Make eye contact and acknowledge others before they pass by. Never lift over them. Think: If the lift were to tip over, would the lift or load hit them?
- Drive at a slow, safe speed for the operating conditions. Always wear the seat belt.
- Avoid turning with loads in the air. Make sure every load is secure. Never lift someone on the forks unless they are in a secured approved basket and fall protection is worn.

**Group Discussion:** There are many safety items to follow. What else can you think of?

## FATALITIES TO LEARN FROM

**Fatality 1:** While operating a forklift the front right tire fell just a few inches into a pot hole. The lift tipped to the side. The operator, who was not wearing a seat belt, fell out and was crushed by the forklift.

**Group Discussion:** What can we learn from this?

**Fatality 2:** While unloading a pallet of angle iron off a flatbed truck, the truck rolled back knocking over the load and the forklift. The lift fell on a nearby worker, crushing his chest.

**Group Discussion:** What can we learn from this?

## GROUP IMAGE



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**Attendees Names**

**Attendees Signatures**

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**CONDUCTOR SIGNATURE**

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