



Toolbox Safety Talks

Forklift Safety

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- 1)** What are the hazards involved with operating forklifts?
 - a. Roll or tip over
 - b. Wrecks
 - c. Property damage
 - d. Pedestrian incidents

- 2)** What hazards should be recognized?
 - a. Grades and ramps
 - b. Unbalanced loads
 - c. Obstructed view
 - d. Driving too fast
 - e. Improper or lack of maintenance
 - f. Missing, tucked in, or employees not wearing seatbelts
 - g. Exceeding the forklift capacity

- 3)** What safe practices should be used?
 - a. Only operate a forklift if you have been properly trained
 - b. Use pre-operating inspections
 - c. Always look for pedestrians - they are not familiar with your traffic patterns
 - d. Never allow additional riders
 - e. Never turn on a grade or a ramp
 - f. Keep loads no more than 6-10 inches off of the ground
 - g. Always wear your seatbelt

- 4)** Can anyone tell me any more safe practices that we did not cover?
- 5)** Are any of our forklifts in need of repair?
- 6)** Has anyone had an accident or near miss while operating a forklift?
- 7)** When empty, which way should you face when traveling up and down grades?
- 8)** How about when loaded?
- 9)** Who is in charge of our forklift maintenance?



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Make Time for Safety, Everyday! – Yes, production is important, *but the focus must be on Safe Production!* Keep that in the back of your mind. Don't take risky chances and stay out of harm's way. Nobody goes to work thinking 'I'm going to get hurt or killed on the job today!' But every day 15,000-17,000 workers suffer disabling injuries on the job and another 11-17 are killed. *What are you doing to make sure it doesn't happen on your shift?*

Keep stoking the fire; we can't let the 'Safety Train' run out of steam!

Date Presented: _____

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Attendance Sheet
