



# Toolbox Safety Talks

## Forklifts (Off Road)

- 1) What are the hazards involved with off road forklift operation?
  - a. Property damage
  - b. Collisions
  - c. Rollover
  
- 2) What hazards should you look for before operating an off road fork truck?
  - a. Surface to be worked on
  - b. Pre-operation checks
  - c. Capacity of the forklift
  - d. Pedestrians, coworkers, and other machinery in the area
  - e. Properly trained operator
  
- 3) What safe practices should be used when operating an off road forklift?
  - a. Make sure you have been trained and understand all operations
  - b. Pre-operation checks must be done
  - c. The weight, shape, size, and position of the load all affect the stability of the forklift. Also, the higher you lift a load, the less stable it is. Be aware!
  - d. Forks should be pointed up hill when traveling with a load up an incline. Forks should be pointed down hill when traveling down an incline without a load
  - e. Always travel at sensible speed and keep the load as low as you can
  - f. Try to anticipate when you need to stop and apply light pressure to the brakes. If you have to apply the brakes with a lot of force, the forklift could lose its stability
  - g. Fork arms should be below axle level when traveling
  - h. Loads should always be against the heel of the forks
  
- 4) Which of our forklifts are in need of maintenance? Why?
- 5) Are any of our operators in need of training?
- 6) What item do we have to move by forklift that is awkward or hard to move?
- 7) Has anyone had an accident or near-miss while operating a forklift? How could it have been prevented?
- 8) Can someone explain our rules for traveling up and down inclines with and without loads?



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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
