By the Numbers – Forklifts



DID YOU KNOW?

Forklifts are used for carrying and transporting heavy materials in primarily non-roadway areas. The forklift category also includes order pickers and powered platform trucks. The forklift designation describes the source of the injury, not the event. Forklift-related injuries are also cross-categorized by event type, most often as either a transportation incident, or contact with object or equipment incident. Forklifts were the source of 85 work-related deaths and 7,940 nonfatal injuries involving days away from work in 2018.

It shouldn’t come as any surprise that a forklift is a dangerous piece of machinery. There are some pretty grim accident statistics to back up that notion. In reality, forklifts account for only **1%** of all warehouse or factory accidents. But the accidents tend to be more serious than others, accounting for 10% of all physical injuries in those workplaces…