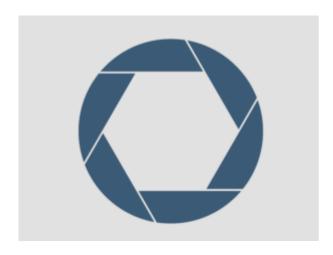
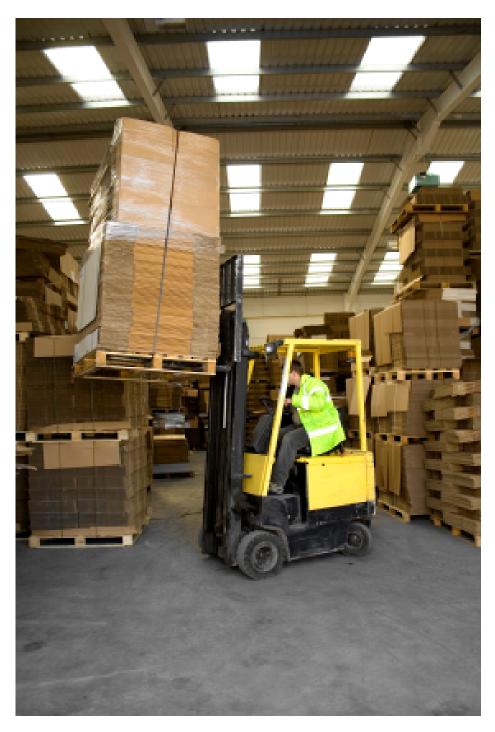
Is This How You Want Your Workers to Drive a Forklift?



What's wrong with this picture?



Forklift Operation: 3 Reasons to Pay Attention

- 1. Roughly 100 U.S. workers die in forklift accidents each year
- 2. Roughly 36,340 workers suffer serious injuries as a result of such accidents over that same one year
- 3. At least 20% to 25% of these accidents occur because the forklift operator wasn't adequately trained

12 Areas You Need to Be Trained in to Operate a Forklift:

According to OSHA, you may not operate a forklift—or, as it's technically referred to "powered industrial truck" (PIT)—unless and until you get training on these 11 topics:

1. Operating instructions, warnings and precautions relating to the particular type of PIT you're allowed to operate.



- 2. Differences between the PIT and a car
- 3. Where the PIT's controls and instruments are located, what they do and how they work



- 4. How the PIT's engine/motor operates
- 5. How to steer and maneuver the PIT



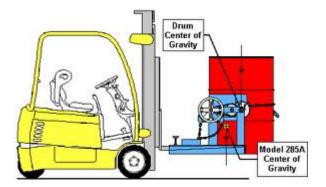
6. Visibility, i.e., the importance of being able to see where you drive both forward and reverse and with and without a load (a lesson that obviously failed to sink in with the worker in the above photo).



7. Fork and attachment adaptation, operation and use limits



- 8. The PIT's capacity, i.e., what it can/can't do and safely carry
- 9. The PIT's stability, i.e., how it can flip over and ensure that it doesn't



10. Any inspection or maintenance on the vehicle that you're expected to perform



11. Refueling and/or charging and recharging batteries safely



12. Operating limitations, e.g., how fast the PIT can go, what kinds of surfaces you can and can't use it on, etc.



8 FORKLIFT DRIVING DO's & DON'TS

There are 8 things to do/not do when operating a forklift

- **DO** turn off the engine before refueling the forklift
- DON'T ever operate a forklift if you don't have the proper training—EVER
- **DO** look in the direction you're travelling at all times
- **DON'T** carry others as passengers or use the forklift to lift a pallet while somebody's standing on it
- **DO** conduct a visual inspection of the forklift at the start of your shift before you use it
- **DON'T** try to move loads that weigh more than the forklift's safe lifting capacity
- DO place forks under the load as far as possible
- DON'T park a forklift on an incline unless the wheels are safely blocked