

FORKLIFT SAFETY

If you have a forklift in the workplace, all employees need training on how to interact with it.

LUBA'S LOSS CONTROL APPROACH

OPERATORS

The OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.178 - Powered Industrial Trucks requires that any employee who would use a forklift must be properly certified prior to use. Certification consists of two parts: training and evaluation.

TRAINING: TRAINING IS FORMAL INSTRUCTION THROUGH LECTURE, DISCUSSION, VIDEOS, OR COMPUTER-BASED TRAINING COMBINED WITH DEMONSTRATION AND USE WITH THE VEHICLE PERFORMING PRACTICAL EXERCISES.

EVALUATION: ONCE THE TRAINEE HAS MASTERED THE SAFE USE OF THE VEHICLE, THE TRAINER EVALUATES THE EMPLOYEE'S PERFORMANCE DOING WORKPLACE TASKS.

Certification is good for three years, then the operator must complete a new practical evaluation.

Refresher training is required when an operator has been observed to operate the vehicle in an unsafe manner, has been involved in an accident or near-miss incident, assigned a different type of forklift, or workplace conditions have changed that could affect the safe operation of the forklift.

Video #4206: Forklift Operator Training can be used to assist with the training portion of certification. Visit www.lubawc.com/policyholders/workplace-safety/safety-videos to request access.

PEDESTRIANS

If an office employee goes into the warehouse to ask about an order, they are at risk if they don't understand a forklift cannot stop quickly or that the rear of the lift swings wide while turning.

Forklift training is not just for operators. In a forklift vs. pedestrian incident, the pedestrian will lose every time and often suffer severe injury or fatality.

LUBA can assist you in training your employees to safely work around forklifts with the following videos that can be requested on our website:

- #4288: FORKLIFT SAFETY LESSONS FOR THE SAFE PEDESTRIAN
- #3454: SAFETY OF PEOPLE & EQUIPMENT IN WAREHOUSE

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