# ACUTE FORKLIFT SAFETY

It is important to know how to safely operate your forklift. Here are some of the key things that you need to know.

# **Training**

Get training on the class of forklift that you operate. There are 7 classes.:

I: Electric Motor Rider

II: Electric Motor Narrow Aisle

III: Electric Motor Hand or

Hand/Rider

IV: Internal Combustion Engine:

**Cushion Tires** 

**V:** Internal Combustion Engine:

Pneumatic Tires

VI: Electric & Internal Combustion

**Engine Tractors** VII: Rough Terrain





## **Drive Safely**

\*Slow down especially around corners/no sudden stops.

\*Keep your entire body inside your truck at all times.

\*Keep forks as low as possible on flat surfaces & tilted back.

\*Don't overload the forklift.

\*Position loads according to the recommended load centre.

\*Point forks downhill if you are not carrying a load & uphill if you are carrying a load on an incline.





#### **Pedestrians**

\*Be Aware: Pedestrians pay attention / operators slow down.

\*Secure Your Loads: Fully insert your forks under pallets, balance your loads, and don't travel with your forks too high to prevent tip overs.

\*Install Forklift Safety Lights:

Safety lights effectively warn pedestrians of approaching forklifts indicating their precise location.

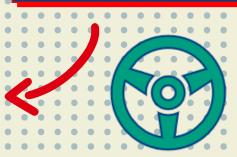




### Safety Checks

\*Perform a pre-start safety check at the beginning of your shift including both a visual (tires, forks, mast, chain, etc.) and an operational check (brakes, lights, horn, engine, etc.).

\*Use an actual list to check off each item as you look at it.



# Hazards

Be aware of the following hazards:

\*Obstacles or debris

\*Pipe leaks or other leaks

\*Overhead obstacles

\*Unsafe/unsecured ramps

\*Unlevel/uneven floor

\*Aisles too narrow to maneuver safely

\*Dfficult corners to navigate

\*Unmarked walkways

