



Safety Blast – Forklift Safety

10 Elements of Forklift Safety

1. **Training** – know and understand OSHA and Mass Hoisting training requirements.
2. **Loading and Unloading** – know your forklift and its capabilities.
3. **Batteries & Fuel** – Understand your forklift’s energy needs.
4. **Routine Checks** – must do a Circle Safety Check Daily and a maintenance review monthly.
5. **Travel** – know your path of travel and potential obstacles and rear end swing.
6. **Never Leave Forklift Unattended** – It is not a toy.
7. **Repairs and Maintenance** – keep up on all maintenance & repairs.
8. **Avoid Pedestrians** – Be alert to customers & coworkers.
9. **Beware of Ramps** - Know your ramps edges and always back down a ramp.
10. **Keep Clean** – general housekeeping will assist in positive safety behaviors.



Elements of a Forklift Daily Safety Check:

Always Check

- Condition of the tilt and lift system.
- The load capacity plate - readable and not damaged.
- Fuel Levels
- Each tire for wear, correct inflation, and missing wheel nuts.
- The operation of breaks, hand brakes, steering, forklift controls, lights, mirrors, horn, and reverse beepers.
- For damage and cracks in forklift tines.

Discussion Points:

- Are you familiar with Forklift Hand signals?
- Are you doing your Daily Safety Checks?
- What can you do better when using a forklift?
- Are you watching your speed when using a forklift?
- Do you know when your forklift was last in for regular maintenance?



For more information on forklift safety and hand signals, visit the Department website (link to Department website)