



Forklift Training

OSHA defines powered industrial trucks as forklifts and other vehicles that carry, push, pull, lift, stack, or tier material. Current federal and state OSHA regulations require that employers ensure that only trained and authorized operators shall be permitted to operate a powered industrial truck. The OSHA training requirements incorporate operator qualifications, implementation of a training program, specific program content, evaluation and refresher training, certification, and avoidance of duplicate training.

The employer must evaluate each potential operator and determine his or her ability to perform the skills and duties required to operate a powered industrial truck. OSHA recommends the employer identify all qualifications relevant to the position, including acceptable vision, hearing, and the ability to work in excessive temperatures. After determination of operator qualifications, the potential operator must be trained, evaluated by a designated person, and able to demonstrate the ability to perform competently.

The employer will implement a training program to make sure that only trained drivers operate powered industrial trucks. Training will include classroom discussion; lecture or video in conjunction with hands on demonstrations and exercises. The designated trainer must have the required knowledge and experience to train and evaluate potential operators.

The trainees must be initially trained in the following truck related and workplace related topics: All operating instructions, warnings and precautions, similarities and differences to automobiles, control and instrumentation location and use, power plant operation and maintenance, steering and maneuvering, visibility, fork and attachment limitations and use, vehicle capacity, stability, vehicle inspection and maintenance, refueling and or changing batteries, operating limitations, operating instructions, warnings, or precautions listed in the operators manual to name a few. Workplace related topics include surface conditions, load composition and stability, load stacking, unstacking and transport, pedestrian traffic, narrow aisle and restricted area operation, operation in hazardous locations, closed environments, to name a few.

The following is what ECR will do for you:

- Formal instruction
- Practical hands on training
- An evaluation of operators ability to handle the truck safely
- Certification

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