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GIVE FORKLIFT SAFETY A BOOST

Follow these forklift safety guidelines. The life that’s saved may be your own.

1. Never exceed the recommended load limit and always wear a seatbelt.

2. Always perform a visual and operational check before use.

3. Know the vehicle’s blind spots.

4. Stay alert for any obstructions in your path.

5. Keep pedestrians and workers away.

6. Use back-up alarms, warning lights and mirrors.

7. If someone crosses your path, stop, lower the load and wait until the person is gone before driving.

8. Never block a fire exit or stairway with the forklift.

9. Inform your supervisor immediately if you encounter any problems with the vehicle.

10. Stay in the forklift in the event it overturns – don’t jump off.

89 workers died in 2014 due to forklift related injuries.

SOURCE: Injury Facts 2016™

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