

Powered Industrial Truck (Forklift) Operator Training

Instructor

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Benefits

Hands-on training, lectures, video presentations, and group discussions assist students in complying with the OSHA Powered Industrial Truck (Forklift) regulations (29 CFR 1910.178) which require both classroom and operational (hands-on) training for all employees who operate forklifts. The program focuses on three critical areas - the truck itself, surrounding hazards, and general safety rules. It can help prevent damage to equipment, products, and people. Students gain knowledge in everything from pre-operational inspections to the center-of-gravity triangle to proper steering, handling and re-fueling techniques.

Who Should Attend

Anyone whose job requires them to operate a powered industrial truck (forklift). Initial training must be provided before operating any type of forklift. Refresher training and evaluation is required when new equipment is introduced, existing equipment is modified, operating conditions change or the operator's performance is unsatisfactory. Each forklift operator's performance must be evaluated at least once every three years.

Selected Course Topics

- ❖ Operating instructions and limitations
- ❖ Similarities to and differences from automobiles
- ❖ Control and instrumentation
- ❖ Steering, maneuvering, and visibility
- ❖ Fork and attachment adaption, operation and limitations
- ❖ Vehicle capacity and stability
- ❖ Vehicle inspection and maintenance
- ❖ Refueling or charging and recharging batteries

