

FORKLIFT SAFETY

OSHA and Cal OSHA require that only drivers authorized by their employer and trained in the safe operation of forklifts shall be permitted to operate them. It is the responsibility of the renter of this equipment to ensure that only properly trained and authorized persons are permitted to operate this equipment.

1. Inspect forklift daily to ensure it is in proper working order. Check brakes, forks and all controls. Inspect for leaks, tire damage or loose parts. Never operate forklift that is unsafe. Call Milpas Rental at 805-963-1987. Inspect work area for obstacles, debris, drop-offs, holes, slopes and depressions.
2. Modification of any part of the forklift or additions of any attachment not approved by the manufacturer is prohibited.
3. Before operating any forklift, always refer to the Operator's Manual for the specific vehicle you have rented for more detailed operating and safety information. Make sure there is adequate ventilation when refueling. Never refuel indoors. NO SMOKING.
4. Do not start or operate forklift from any place other than the operator's seat. Always wear seat belts.
5. Never remove or deface safety or operating decals. Do not render any safety device inoperable.
6. Never exceed the rated capacity of the vehicle. Check capacity at height and with the load you will use. Load ratings are with mast in vertical position. DO NOT OVERLOAD.
7. Don't speed. Forklifts are designed to operate at the speed of a person walking at a normal pace – about 5 mph. To avoid tip over, do not start, stop or turn abruptly.
8. Slow down and sound horn at cross aisles and other locations where vision is obstructed. Pedestrians have the right-of-way.
9. Absolutely no riders are allowed on a forklift. Do not allow anyone under the elevated portion of a forklift, whether or not loaded. Elevate people ONLY in an approved personnel lift that is properly secured and equipped with required safety devices.
10. Operators must not place any part of their bodies outside the running lines of the forklift. Do not touch, lean on or reach through the mast.
11. Horseplay and stunt driving are prohibited.
12. Driving with a raised load is unsafe. Forks should be no more than 2 – 6 inches above the floor.
13. It is hazardous to raise a load when the mast is tilted or to tilt the mast with a load in the raised position.
14. Keep the load upgrade when ascending or descending a ramp or other grade.
15. Maintain safe distance from the edge of platforms or ramps while on elevated dock, platform, rail car or truck.
16. When you stop and get off the forklift:
 - Lower forks to floor or ground
 - Engage and set the parking brake
 - If going more than 25 feet from the truck, shut off the motor
 - Chock wheels, if on a slope

Proposition 65 WARNING. The State of California has determined that Gasoline, Gasoline Engine Exhaust and Diesel Engine Exhaust are Known to Cause Cancer, Birth Defects or Other Reproductive Harm.