

Updates . . .

Forklift Safety Reminders



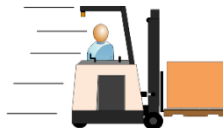
Time for another reminder to be safe on and around forklifts. I know we talk about forklift safety every year and for good reason- Pacific Press has a somewhat unique working environment where we have to work in congested areas with pathways through the facility, providing a means of egress for workers and forklift traffic... not the ideal situation. Congestion generates challenges for forklift operators and pedestrians alike; moreover, safety is at risk if precautions are not taken by both.

Forklift (and Wave) Operators:

1. Slow down! Practice driving safely.
2. Sound your horn when approaching pedestrians, blind spots, corners, doorways, and intersections, never assume a pedestrian knows you are there
3. Never allow riders on your forklift.
4. Be aware of pedestrians in your work area.

Pedestrians:

1. Look and listen for forklift lights and sounds.
2. Be aware of marked and unmarked forklift routes.
3. When you see a forklift coming, get out of the way.
4. Never walk under a raised load- keep your distance.



A few statistics- In the United States, there are over 100 deaths and 100,000 accidents involving forklifts each year. A person is killed almost one every three days. Many of the reported workplace injuries involving a forklift involve pedestrians, having their feet run over account for 20% of these injuries (OUCH!) and 16% occur when pedestrians are struck and crushed.

Complacency can be very dangerous if we allow ourselves to become complacent to the sights and sounds of forklift traffic. Don't assume that a forklift

operator sees you, and forklift operators don't assume that pedestrians see or hear you.

Forklifts and people don't mix, one false move by either can result in a serious if not fatal injury. Never assume anything, always error on the side of safety, if it does come to a contest between 10,000 pounds of machine and 200 pounds of human, the machine will always win. Keep in mind that pedestrians always have the right of way, however, pedestrians also have a responsibility to get out of the way. —Michael Fifer, Safety Director



Dateline . . .

August

12	PAYDAY
26	PAYDAY

September

7	LABOR DAY, PPPA Holiday
9	PAYDAY
23	PAYDAY

