Forklift Operation Safety Training Program



A complete sample powered industrial truck or PIT vehicle operator outline and training program.

Purpose of Training

Did you know that everyone cannot operate a lift truck? Operating a lift truck (often called a forklift) is a specialized job that requires training and authorization by your Organization as a qualified operator. Operating a lift truck is an important job. So important that the federal government requires that all lift truck operators be trained and authorized by their organizations. OSHA federal regulation CFR1910.178 states that “Only trained and authorized operators shall be permitted to operate a powered industrial truck.”

The purpose of this training is to help you become a qualified powered industrial truck (lift truck) operator – an operator who has the knowledge and skills to operate a lift truck in a safe and professional manner. This instruction program is presented in several small steps with quick checks throughout the presentation and…