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Are you doing your forklift inspections?

IF YOU'RE NOT, IT'S AN OSHA VIOLATION. OSHA REG .1910.178(Q)(7). THIS RELATES TO ALL POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS REQUIRING YOU TO INSPECT YOUR FORKLIFT DAILY, OR IF YOU RUN MULTIPLE SHIFTS, AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SHIFT. THIS PERTAINS TO ANY POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCK INCLUDING POWER PALLET JACKS.

OSHA FEELS THE INSPECTION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY WANT YOU TO SPOT POTENTIAL PROBLEMS BEFORE YOU TAKE THE TRUCK INTO SERVICE. SHOULD A FORKLIFT BE UNSAFE, IT MUST BE REMOVED FROM USE AND NOT PUT BACK INTO SERVICE UNTIL THE LIFT IS RESTORED TO A SAFE WORKING CONDITION.

WHILE THIS CHECK CAN SEEM TEDIOUS AT TIMES IT USUALLY ONLY TAKES 5 MINUTES TO COMPLETE. OSHA DID NOT MANDATE A PAPER COPY OR HOW LONG TO KEEP THESE CHECK SHEETS. HOWEVER, WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU KEEP A COPY ON FILE FOR AROUND 90 DAYS THEN ROTATE OUT THE OLDEST SHEET.

IF OSHA WERE TO INSPECT YOUR FACILITY OR MORE IMPORTANTLY, IF AN ACCIDENT WERE TO HAPPEN WITH THE LIFT, YOU BETTER BE PREPARED TO HAVE TWO THINGS READY TO HAND OVER TO OSHA IF THEY ASK FOR IT: 1) THE TRAINING RECORDS OF THE OPERATOR AND 2) THE CHECK SHEET.

IF YOU NEED A CHECK SHEET OR HAVE A QUESTION ON THIS OR ANY TOPIC RELATING TO SAFETY WITH YOUR FORKLIFT, GIVE OUR RESIDENT EXPERT DAVE BENNETT A CALL OR SIMPLY FILL OUT A REQUEST FORM BY CLICKING [HERE](#).