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Pedestrian Safety Tips

PEDESTRIANS ARE INVOLVED IN ABOUT 40% OF ALL FORKLIFT ACCIDENTS. THERE ARE MANY REASONS FOR THIS, BUT ONE IS, WE HAVE TOLD PEDESTRIANS MOST OF THEIR LIVES THAT THEY HAVE THE RIGHT AWAY! NOT A SMART THING TO DO, BECAUSE YOU CAN BE DEAD RIGHT. IF YOU ARE GOING TO TRAIN YOU OPERATORS, YOU SHOULD ALSO BE TRAINING THE PEDESTRIANS THAT WALK IN THE SAME AREAS WHERE FORKLIFTS ARE TRAVELING.

A FORKLIFT OPERATOR SHOULD YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY TO PEDESTRIANS: THIS IS AN OSHA RECOMMENDATION THAT ALL FORKLIFT DRIVERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF. BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE FORKLIFT AND BASICALLY IT IS A STEEL CLUB ON ONE END AND SPEARS ON THE OTHER, HORRIBLE CRUSHING INJURIES CAN OCCUR. FORKLIFT OPERATORS SHOULD STOP AND WAIT FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CLEAR THE AREA BEFORE PROCEEDING ALONG THEIR ROUTE WITH CAUTION.

PEDESTRIANS SHOULD NEVER ASSUME THAT A FORKLIFT OPERATOR SEES THEM: WHILE PEDESTRIANS HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY IN FORKLIFT OPERATING AREAS, THAT DOESN'T MEAN AN OPERATOR WILL ALWAYS SEE THEM. A PEDESTRIAN SHOULD KEEP HIS OR HER EYES ON A MOVING FORKLIFT WHENEVER IN ITS VICINITY.

OPERATORS AND PEDESTRIANS SHOULD USE HAND SIGNALS FOR COMMUNICATION: BE AWARE THAT "STOP" CAN BE COMMUNICATED MANY WAYS BY HAND, SO INSTRUCT ALL ON WHICH HAND SIGNALS TO USE.

BE SURE TO STOP, HONK THE HORN, AND PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY AT INTERSECTIONS TO WARN PEDESTRIANS OF THE FORKLIFT'S PRESENCE THIS IS AN OSHA REQUIREMENT. WHEN VISION IS IMPAIRED, BE SURE TO USE A SPOTTER AND TRAVEL IN REVERSE IF A LOAD IS BLOCKING FORWARD VISIBILITY.

AS A PEDESTRIAN YOU HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AS MUCH AS A FORKLIFT OPERATOR HAS TO LOOK OUT FOR YOU.

IF YOU 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](#).