

Dear valued partner,

How good is your company's Powered Industrial Truck (Forklift) Safety Program? Are you training employees? Are pre-operational checks being completed? This month we will cover tips to ensure your program is top notch.

What percentage of forklift-related fatalities are typically caused by being struck by a forklift or its load?

- a) 10%
- b) 25%
- c) 40%
- d) 60%

Answer at the end of the email.



(Missed a previous email? [Click here](#) to see an archive of previous month's safety emails on Rockwood's Loss Control website.)



WHAT ARE POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS?

Powered industrial trucks, commonly called forklifts or lift trucks, are used in many industries, primarily to move materials. They can also be used to raise, lower, or remove large objects or a number of smaller objects on pallets or in boxes, crates, or other containers. Powered industrial trucks can either be ridden by the operator or controlled by a walking operator.

What are the training requirements for Powered Industrial Trucks?

According to OSHA, the employer is responsible for implementing a training program and ensuring that only trained drivers who have successfully completed the training program are allowed to operate powered industrial trucks.

- **WHEN?** Operators must complete initial training before driving a forklift.
- **RE-TRAINING?** Operators must be evaluated at least once every three years, and after refresher training.
- **REFRESHER?** Refresher training is required when the operator has been observed driving unsafely, been involved in an accident or near-miss, received an evaluation that indicates unsafe operation, is assigned to drive a different type truck, or if a workplace condition affecting safe operation changes. An operator evaluation is required after refresher training.
- **TYPE OF TRAINING?:** Combination of formal (lecture, video, etc.) and practical (demonstration and practical exercises), including an evaluation of the operator's performance in the workplace.
- **TRAINER QUALIFICATIONS?** All training and evaluation must be conducted by a person with the necessary knowledge, training and experience to train operators and evaluate their competency. This may be the employer, another employee, or other

qualified person. The training and evaluation does not have to be conducted by a single individual, but can be done by several persons, provided each one is qualified.

All training must be documented!



SAFETY TIPS FOR POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS

4 Common Mistakes Forklift Operators Make



Rockwood Resources:

- [Forklift Safety](#) | Toolbox Talk
- [Forklifts Off-Road](#) | Toolbox Talk
- [Pre-Operational Checks](#) | Toolbox Talk
- [Slow & Low](#) | Drive Slow, Carry Low – Poster
- [If Tip Over Occurs](#) | Poster

- You can find additional Rockwood Toolbox Talks [here](#).

OSHA, MSHA and other Resources:

- [Powered Industrial Trucks – Forklifts](#) | Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) Safety Topic
- [Safe Forklift Operation](#) | OSHA Quick Card
- [Pre-Op Checklist](#) | OSHA
- [Powered Industrial Trucks \(Forklift\) eTool](#) | OSHA
- [Forklift Safety](#) | NIOSH (National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health)
- [Equipment Safety: Forklifts](#) | NIOSH
- [5 Elements of Forklift Safety](#) | Health + Safety Magazine
- [Mobile Equipment Safety](#) | MSHA (Mine Safety & Health Administration)



[Information on Blue Light Safety for Forklifts](#)



Learn more about **POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS on Streamery**

Every Rockwood policy includes access to Streamery, a vast safety library with videos, quizzes and more resources to help you promote safety in your workplace. If you don't have access, contact us to get a username. Enter the SKU number below to find the recommended video.

Watch [Streamery](#) videos on **Powered Industrial Trucks:**

- **To the Point About: Safe Forklift Operation:** 11 min | SKU: 3313+ 3313-S | English & Spanish
- **Forklift Safety Industrial Counterbalance Lift Trucks:** 23 min | SKU: 5405 | English
- **Forklift Operations – High Impact – Gory Story:** 9 min | SKU: 2847 + 2847-S | English & Spanish
- **Forklift Pedestrian Safety for Operators:** 26 min | SKU: 5400 | English
- **Many more on Streamery**



BONUS MATERIALS:

1. September is US Department of Homeland Security's National Preparedness Month

Find [information](#) and tips on how to protect yourself and your family before, during and after emergencies and disasters by visiting [Disasters and Emergencies | Ready.gov](#). Information on hazards like [floods](#), [extreme heat](#), [wildfires](#) and more is available in several languages. The page also features information about [emergency alerts](#), how to [make an emergency plan](#) and more.

The National Safety Council also has great resources for Emergency Preparedness [here](#).

2. SEAT BELT COVERS



Don't forget that Rockwood Casualty is providing **FREE** high visibility seatbelt covers to our insured to assist in enforcement of seatbelt use by employees. Please contact safetysolutions@rockwoodcasualty.com to make a request for your company and specify orange or yellow.



Questions? Feel free to reach out: As always, your Rockwood partners are available to answer your questions and help you promote safety in the workplace. Contact Rockwood Loss Control for any support you need.

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Thank you for your continued partnership,

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