

# Longshore Safety Tip

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## SAFETY TIPS FOR POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCK OPERATORS # 1

**D**id you know that Longshore Power Industrial Truck Operators (PITO'S) have one of the highest incident injury rates in our industry for over the last five years?

In 2002 UTR's had the highest injury rate on the West Coast. In 2003 they came in at # 2.

Now, Being # 1 or even # 2 in football, baseball or basketball is a good thing, right?

But, being in the "Top 5" in the number of injuries/accidents on the West Coast!!!! Well, lets just say its nothing to cheer about.

This series of "3 PITO flyers" contains simple & basic instructions, that comes directly from California OSHA Title 8 Rules.

By understanding and following these rules, you can go a long way in reducing the number of Injuries & Accidents on the waterfront.

***TAKE THE TIME AND READ THEM  
THEY JUST MIGHT SAVE  
SOMEONE'S LIFE !!!***



### SAFETY TIPS FOR POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCK OPERATORS

- 1) Only drivers authorized by the employer and trained in the safe operations of industrial trucks or industrial tow tractors shall be permitted to operate such vehicles.
- 2) Stunt driving and horseplay are prohibited.
- 3) No riders shall be permitted on vehicles unless provided with adequate riding facilities.
- 4) Employees shall not ride on the forks of lift trucks.
- 5) Employees shall not place any part of their bodies outside the running lines of an industrial truck or between mast up-rights or other parts of the truck where shear or crushing hazards exists (Keep your hands out of the bight).



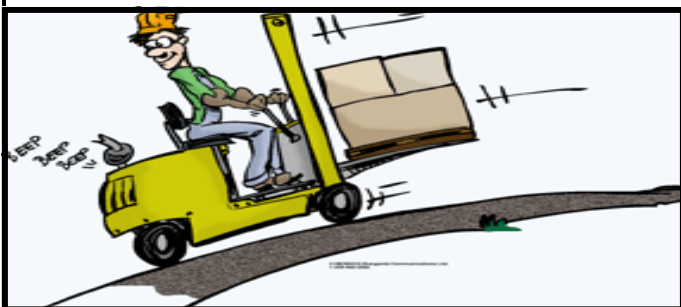
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# Safety Tips for Powered Industrial Truck operators



- 6) Employees shall not be allowed to stand, pass, or work under the elevated portion of any industrial truck, loaded or empty, unless it's effectively blocked to prevent it from falling.
- 7) Drivers shall check the vehicle at the beginning of each shift, and if it is found to be unsafe, the matter shall be reported immediately to a foreman or mechanic, and the vehicle shall not be put in service again until it has been made safe. Attention shall be given to the proper functioning of tires, horn, lights, battery, controller, brakes, steering mechanism, cooling system, and the lift system for fork lifts (forks, chains, cable, and limit switches).
- 8) No truck shall be operated with a leak in the fuel system.
- 9) Trucks traveling in the same direction shall not be passed at intersections, blind spots, or dangerous locations.



- 10) Vehicles shall not exceed the authorized or safe speed, always maintaining a safe distance from other vehicles, keeping the truck under positive control at all times. All established traffic regulations shall be observed. For trucks traveling in the same direction, a safe distance may be considered to be approximately 3 truck lengths or preferably a time lapse -3 seconds - passing the same point.



- 11) The driver shall slow down and sound the horn at cross aisles and other locations where vision is obstructed. If the load being carried obstructs forward view, the driver shall be required to travel with the load trailing.
- 12) Operators shall look in the direction of travel and shall not move a vehicle until certain that all persons are in the clear.
- 13) Trucks shall not be driven up to anyone standing in front of a bench or other fixed object of such size that the person could be caught between the truck and object.



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