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SAFETY TIPS FOR POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCK OPERATORS # 2



17) When the operator of an industrial truck is dismantled and within 25 feet of the truck which remains in the operator's view, the load engaging means shall be fully lowered, controls placed in neutral, and the brakes set to prevent movement. Exception: Forks on fork-equipped industrial trucks may be in the raised position for loading and unloading if the forks are raised no more than 42 Inches above the level where the operator/loaders are standing, and the power is shut off, controls placed in neutral and the brakes set. If on an incline, the wheels shall be blocked.

14) Grades shall be ascended or descended slowly. When ascending or descending grades in excess of 10 percent, loaded trucks shall be driven with the load upgrade. On all grades the load and load engaging means shall be tilted back if applicable, and raised only as far as necessary to clear the road surface. Motorized hand and hand/rider trucks shall be operated on all grades with the load-engaging means down grade.

15) The forks shall always be carried as low as possible, consistent with safe operations.

16) When leaving a vehicle unattended always set the brakes, the mast is brought to the vertical position, and forks are left in the down position, either: (A) The power shall be shut off and, when left on an incline, the wheels shall be blocked; or (B) The power may remain on provided the wheels are blocked, front and rear.



18) Vehicles shall not be run onto any elevator unless the driver is specifically authorized to do so. Before entering an elevator, the driver shall determine That the capacity of the elevator will not be exceeded. Once on an elevator, the Industrial truck's power shall be shut off and the brakes set.

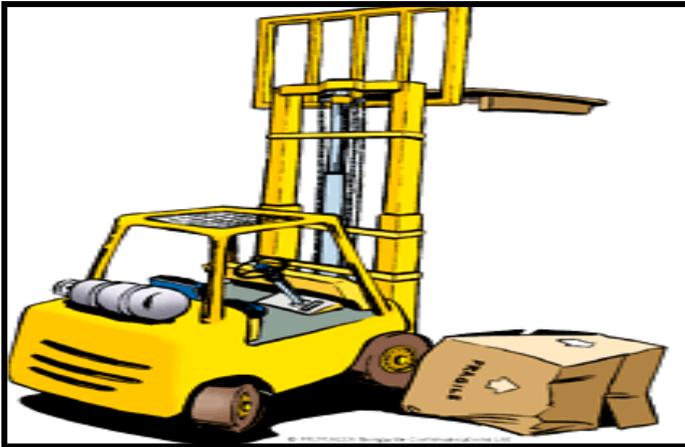
19) Motorized hand trucks shall enter elevators or other confined areas with the load end forward.



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- 20) Vehicles shall not be operated on floors, sidewalk doors, or platforms that will not safely support the loaded vehicle.
- 21) Prior to driving onto trucks, trailers and railroad cars, their flooring shall be checked for breaks and other structural weaknesses.
- 22) Vehicles shall not be driven in and out of highway trucks and trailers at loading docks until such trucks or trailers are securely blocked or restrained and the brakes set.
- 23) To prevent railroad cars from moving during loading or unloading operations, the car brakes shall be set, wheel chocks or other recognized positive stops used, and blue or red flags & lights displayed in accordance with applicable regulations promulgated by the Public Utilities Commission.
- 24) The width of one tire on the powered industrial truck shall be the minimum distance maintained from the edge by the truck while it is on any elevated dock, platform, freight car or truck.
- 25) Railroad tracks shall be crossed diagonally, wherever possible. Parking closer than 8 1/2 feet from the centerline of railroad tracks is prohibited.

- 26) Trucks shall not be loaded in excess of their rated capacity.
- 27) A loaded vehicle shall not be moved until the load is safe and secure.
- 28) Extreme care shall be taken when tilting loads. Tilting forward with the load engaging means elevated shall be prohibited except when picking up a load. Elevated loads shall not be tilted forward except when the load is being deposited onto a storage rack or equivalent. When stacking or tiering, backward tilt shall be limited to that necessary to stabilize the load.
- 29) The load engaging device shall be placed in such a manner that the load will be securely held or supported.
- 30) Special precautions shall be taken in the securing and handling of loads by trucks equipped with attachments, and during the operation of these trucks after the loads have been removed.
- 31) When powered industrial trucks are used to open and close doors, the following provisions shall be complied with: (1) A device specifically designed for opening or closing doors shall be attached to the truck. (2) The force applied by the device to the door shall be applied parallel to the direction of travel of the door. (3) The entire door opening operation shall be in full view of the operator. (4) The truck operator and other employees shall be clear of the area where the door might fall while being opened
- 32) If loads are lifted by two or more trucks working in unison, the total weight of the load shall not exceed the combined rated lifting capacity of all trucks involved.

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Hey, I wonder why the other guys are always getting injured?
Don't they know anything !!!!*

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