

Longshore Safety Tip

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ELECTRIC PALLET JACK SAFETY



**Inspect the Pallet Jack
before use.**

**Keep hands/fingers inside
handle guards.**



- Only operate pallet jack if you have been instructed on proper and safe use.
 - Do not lift or hit anything that may fall on you or a bystander.
 - Keep feet clear of the pallet jack when in operation.
- Keep yourself and others clear of the lift mechanism. Allow no one near load or lift mechanism.
 - Look in the direction of travel & watch overhead clearances.
- Always wear proper PPE when needed or required by your Employer.



***WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING !!
DON'T GET CAUGHT IN THE BIGHT !!
OBSERVE CLEARANCES AROUND
BULKHEADS, STANCHIONS AND
OTHER CARGO!!!!***



**Handle loads only
within the rated
load capacity of the
pallet jack.**



**During turns,
slow down and
sound horn if
needed.**



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**DO
NOT
RIDE
ON
THE
FORKS!**



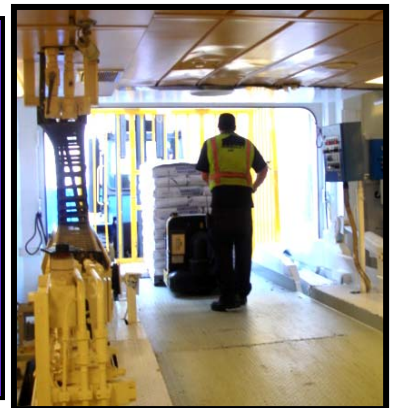
**REST LOAD AGAINST
THE BATTERY/
BACKREST FOR
ADDED STABILITY.
HANDLE ONLY
STABLE LOADS!!!**

- Avoid bumps, holes, slick spots, and loose materials that may cause the pallet jack to swerve, tip or cause the control handle to jerk sideways. If unavoidable, travel slowly and carefully.
- When leaving the pallet jack, lower the forks, turn the key to OFF.
- Block the wheels when on an incline or working on the pallet jack.
 - Do not turn on an incline, loads may tip over.
- Avoid sudden starts or stops which can damage the pallet jack or cause the load to fall off.
 - Watch clearances, especially around forks.
 - Watch tail swing.
- Remember the forks can sometimes extend beyond the load.



**For better
visibility,
whenever
possible, Travel
with forks
trailing.**

**When moving
close to walls or
into an elevator
or fork lift
cages, travel
forks first.**



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