OSHA Forklift Maintenance Requirements : Checklist

For forklift operators, trainers and warehouse supervisors. Adapt every item to your site, equipment and written procedures.

Checklist

- ■ Hazard covered: pedestrians stepping into travel lanes at blind corners and rack ends
- ■ Hazard covered: operating a truck that failed its pre-shift check
- ■ Hazard covered: battery charging and refueling exposures
- ■ Decision practiced: approach a ramp or dock plate at the right angle and speed
- ■ Decision practiced: park correctly: forks lowered, controls neutral, brake set
- ■ Decision practiced: choose travel direction when the load blocks the forward view
- ■ Decision practiced: complete the pre-shift inspection and decide whether the truck can be used
- ■ Hands-on part done: hands-on operation of the actual truck model used at the site
- ■ Hands-on part done: the practical evaluation by a qualified evaluator in the real workplace
- ■ Hands-on part done: site-specific traffic rules, floor markings and load types
- ■ Review question: did the operator spot every inspection defect seeded in the scenario?
- ■ Review question: was the pedestrian detected before the truck entered the conflict zone?
- ■ Review question: was every stop and horn signal made at the right point?

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Related regulation: 29 CFR 1910.178(l)(2)(ii). Training scope only; check applicability for your workplace.

This checklist supports, and does not replace, required training, supervision or evaluation. It does not certify anyone.