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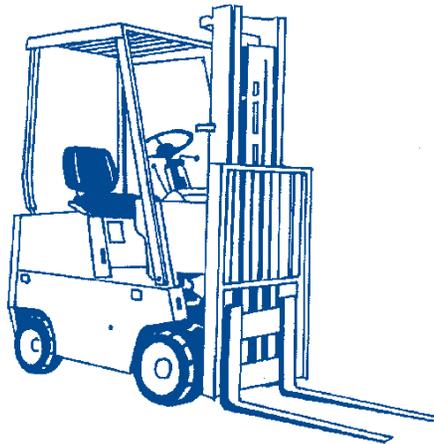
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- 1.** Be especially careful when turning. The forklift is less stable during turns.
- 2.** The load should be leveled and should not be raised. It should be no more than 2 inches from the ground.
- 3.** Be careful around other people. You should always be alert to people walking near the forklift. The pedestrian always has the right of way.
- 4.** Always wear your seatbelt. If an accident occurs, the seatbelt will help protect you.
- 5.** Operating a forklift is not like driving a car. A forklift is equipment designed for work. Drive slowly, and if your visibility is obstructed by the load, drive in reverse.
- 6.** Operate the forklift in a well-ventilated area. If you operate without proper ventilation, you risk carbon monoxide poisoning, a potentially

fatal illness. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, dizziness, light-headedness and nausea. If you suspect someone is suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning, call for medical help immediately!

- 7.** Be very careful on dangerous surfaces, such as surfaces with loose objects, uneven surfaces, or surfaces that are wet, greasy or icy.
- 8.** Never carry another person in the forklift. There is only one seatbelt and one seat. Do not allow anyone to be lifted on the blades of the forklift or on a pallet. If you plan to lift someone with the forklift, special authorized equipment must be used and specific safety rules must be followed.
- 9.** Complete a full inspection daily.
- 10.** If there is a problem, fix it before using the forklift.



Before starting the forklift, you should check:

- The forks
- The mast
- The tires
- The overhead guard
- The safety belt
- The hydraulic system
- The oil level

After starting the forklift, you should check:

- The brakes
- The lights
- The signals
- The horn
- The gauges
- The steering
- The control levers

For more information regarding forklift safety, contact the Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau at 1-800-625-2267.