

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

7 STANDARDS TO FOLLOW WHEN DRIVING A FORKLIFT

In the U.S. from 2021 to 2022, there were over 73 work related fatalities and over 24,000 incidents related to forklifts, Material Handling Equipment and Power Industrial Trucks, per the Bureau of Labor Statistics. To prevent more incidents this year, some standards are:

1 Don't carry loads at dangerous heights while on the move



Always keep your load low when travelling at speed



Always fasten your seatbelt

2 Be careful going down steep inclines with unusual loads



Always travel backwards down steep inclines and secure your load

3 Driving too fast can be dangerous for pedestrians and bystanders



SLOW DOWN! And always use your horn to notify people you are coming

4 Follow correct parking procedures to prevent a runaway lift truck



Always apply the parking brake when leaving the lift truck



Remember to take the lift truck out of gear

5 Take care in loading areas to prevent your lift truck falling



Remove the driver's key



Install a traffic light system



Or use a chock while loading

6 Don't carry passengers - a lift truck is not a bus!



Never transport anyone other than you and your load



7 Keep your arms and legs in the lift truck



Ignoring this advice could result in serious injury

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code:

[Work Safety: Forklifts - Injury Facts \(nsc.org\)](https://www.nsc.org/work-safety/forklifts-injury-facts)



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