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Forklift Safety: Newsletter



Safety and Rescue Training
for high-hazard work activities

**Confined Space
Fall Protection
Excavation
Forklift**

Forklift Train the Trainer Schedule

April 29 - Eugene
May 8 - Pendleton
June 10 - Portland
June 12 - Kennewick
August 19 - Roseburg
September 23 - Portland

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Have a forklift safety story or photo to share?

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We will not publish company or individual's names. You can also contact Bruce to be added to our newsletter email.

Our programs reflect:

ANSI/ASSE Z490.1 *Criteria for Accepted Practices in Safety, Health, and Environmental Training*

“Where’s Waldo?”

We loved those books and helping our kids find Waldo amid a sea of distractions. But what about when we’re operating forklifts in areas with pedestrians ? How easily can we find Waldo and avoid a collision?

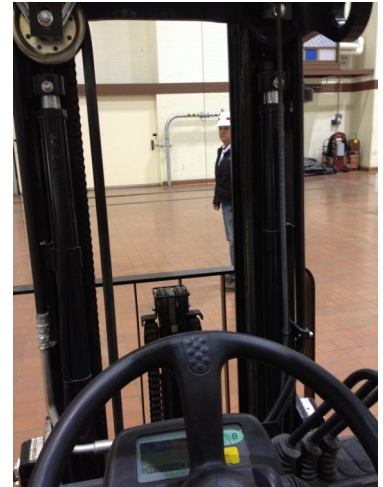
If you’ve spent time operating a forklift, you know that:

- The framework of the forklift can easily hide a pedestrian (see photo).
- The load obstructs visibility.
- The operator may fail to look in the direction of travel and instead may focus on the load.
- When the operator turns around one way to back up, they have a large blind spot on the other side as seen in the photo below.
- Visibility is obstructed by stacks of material.
- Blind intersections are everywhere.
- Forklifts (especially when loaded) cannot stop or turn quickly.

The problem is that most pedestrians don’t know these facts.

As a pedestrian, what can we do to ensure our own safety?

- Always follow your company’s right of way rules, BUT even when you have right of way don’t step out in front of a moving forklift.
- At intersections, look both ways, and wait for the forklift to pass by (or make eye contact with the operator and wait for them to yield).
- Wear high visibility vests, in accordance with your location’s policies.
- Keep a safe distance from forklifts and beware of tail swing. More than one pedestrian has had their foot driven over by a turning forklift.



Where’s Waldo?

