

For Your Safety: Forklift Safety

Forklifts are everywhere in the scrap industry. They are a very useful tool in moving heavy material from one place to another. They also can be dangerous. Whether you drive the forklift or work around those who do, you play a role in making sure the work gets done safely.

Forklift Drivers:

- Make sure you have been trained in how to operate the machine.
- Always wear your seatbelt.
- Use the steps or ladder to get in or out. Never jump out.
- Put your forks down and set the brake when getting out of the truck.
- When transporting, keep the load as low to the floor as possible.
- Know the truck's lifting limit, and do not exceed it.
- Make sure bales and pallets are stacked securely.
- Always be aware of the location of co-workers and customers.

Working Around Forklifts:

- Always let the forklift driver know where you are working.
- Stop and look both ways before entering warehouse aiseways or yard intersections.
- Listen for backup alarms and stay clear when a forklift is backing.
- Never assume the forklift driver can see.
- Never hitch a ride.
- Always pay attention of what is going on around you.

For Your Information: May is Electrical Safety Month

Spring is here and it is a good time to take a look at your electrical equipment at work and at home. Test your Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI's). Throw away electrical cords that have been damaged. Take a look around your neighborhood to check for low hanging power lines caused winter weather and report any problems to your utility company. Always have your property surveyed for underground utilities before you start digging in a new area. For more information about Electrical Safety Month, check out: www.electrical-safety.org

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