



## Forklift / Clamp Truck Safety

Forklift incidents tend to be very serious, involving both personal injury and damage to property. What can we do to prevent incidents/injury?

### Safety Tips:

- Inspect forklifts / clamp trucks before each use.
- **Always** wear your seatbelt.
- Drive slow and safe.
- No passengers.
- Never turn with an elevated load.
- Slow down and sound horns at doorways and corners.
- Drive cautiously around people.
- Make sure the load is balanced.
- Avoid sudden stops.

## As a reminder, here are some factors that can contribute to incidents:

- Travelling at excessive speed.
- Driving with the load elevated.
- Improper techniques used when backing up.
- Improper turning, braking, or accelerating.
- Improper warnings to others that a forklift / clamp truck is in use nearby.
- Poor communication during shared tasks, or in shared spaces.
- Not being aware of the route to be travelled (e.g. narrow passages, obstacles, poor surface conditions, etc.).
- Horseplay, stunt driving, jerky and/or erratic driving.
- Inadequate servicing of the forklift.



Most serious injuries and fatalities occur when the operator tries to jump clear. To prevent injuries, **ALWAYS** use the seatbelt.

## If the lift truck begins to tip over:

- Stay in the seat – do not attempt to jump clear.
- Hold on tightly to the steering wheel and brace yourself against the seat.
- Keep your body inside the frame of the machine and lean in the opposite direction of the overturn.

