

WINTER FORKLIFT SAFETY

TOP FIVE WINTER SAFETY HAZARDS

In the middle of winter, operators and owners alike are faced with some unique challenges. Here are the Top 5 you need to be aware of



Snow and Ice



Wet or Slippery Surfaces



Extreme Cold Weather



Low Visibility



Increased Maintenance Needs

BEFORE SHIFT

1. Conduct a proper pre-operation inspection of the forklift. Record and report issues.
2. Check the weather outside and make sure to adjust driving habits to current weather conditions.
3. Allow Forklift to properly warm up before operating. (if coming in from a shut down day) This is important for both engine and hydraulic

DURING SHIFT

1. Slow Down and drive carefully. Drive in consideration of the weather condition.
2. Take all reasonable steps to maintain proper visibility by preventing the accumulation of snow on the windscreen, etc. Be sure to stop and report hazardous work condition

AFTER SHIFT

1. Clean and clear the forklift. Removing all the snow, dirt, debris and materials that may cause slip trip and fall..
2. To park Forklift properly in the designated areas. Park unit in a warm and dry place in between use to avoid the issues of ice formation.
3. Report issues to your Supervisors.

FUEL AND STORAGE TIPS:



Be sure to use the proper oils and lubricants. For example, winter engine oil have a W on them with a number indicating the lowest temperature they can be used in



Make sure you store your forklifts, whether overnight or over the winter in a dry indoor storage facility or building



Be sure winterized fuel systems and use winterized fuel and additives. This is particularly true with diesel fuel, which can get in colder temperatures

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