

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

RISK REMINDER

PARTNERING WITH TOWNSHIPS

Basic Rules for Forklift Operation

Be a safe operator...

- Make sure pallets are well stacked and secure.
- Make sure the load doesn't obstruct your view.
- Make extra trips instead of overloading.
- Make sure the vehicle you are unloading has been secured chocks ahead of wheels and/or trailer restraint systems. Trailer movement is a leading cause of loading accidents.

Use your truck right...

- Only trained and licensed drivers should operate lift trucks.
- Always wear your safety belt.
- Keep your hands and feet inside the cab.
- Always check for pedestrians.



Load up safely...

- Know your truck's capabilities.
- Be sure your truck meets ANSI safety requirements.
- Stay within the load capacity for your vehicle.
- Keep the load no more than six to ten inches off the floor.
- Use extreme caution when turning.
- Keep your truck in good working order.

