

# FORKLIFT OBSTRUCTED VISION

**FORKLIFTS HAVE MANY BLIND SPOTS AND CANNOT STOP QUICKLY. SO NEVER ASSUME A DRIVER CAN SEE YOU OR WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID YOU.**

**IN A FORKLIFT AREA ALWAYS BE ALERT AND EXPECT A FORKLIFT TO APPEAR AT ANY TIME.**

- 1. ALWAYS WEAR HI-VISIBILITY GARMENT.**
- 3. ALWAYS GIVE FORKLIFTS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.**
- 4. NEVER APPROACH A FORKLIFT UNTIL THE DRIVER HAS ACKNOWLEDGED YOU.**
- 5. ALWAYS STAY IN DESIGNATED WALKWAYS AND OBEY SIGNAGE.**



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- 1. WHEN WORKING IN AREAS WITH FORKLIFTS ALWAYS BE SURE THAT YOU'RE WEARING YOUR REQUIRED HI-VIS AND THAT THE HI-VIS IS IN GOOD CONDITION SO THE OPERATOR CAN SEE YOU.**
- 2. WHEN APPROACHING AREAS WITH FORKLIFTS ALWAYS BE ALERT, IF YOU HEAR OR SEE MOBILE EQUIPMENT COMING ALWAYS WAIT AND GIVE THEM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.**
- 3. WHEN APPROACHING OR CROSSING IN FRONT OF FORKLIFTS ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE DRIVER HAS ACKNOWLEDGED YOU THROUGH EYE CONTACT, A WAVE OR RADIO COMMUNICATION PRIOR TO COMMENCING.**
- 4. WHEN WALKING AROUND SITES WITH FORKLIFTS BE SURE TO ALWAYS STAY IN DESIGNATED WALKWAYS AND OBEY POSTED SIGNAGE TO LIMIT PEDESTRIAN AND EQUIPMENT INTERFACE.**
- 5. NEVER ASSUME THAT IF YOU LOOK AT THE OPERATOR THEY HAVE SEEN YOU. THERE ARE MANY BLIND SPOTS ON THE FORKLIFT THAT RESTRICTS THEIR VISION.**

**REMEMBER, IT IS EASY TO BECOME IMMUNE TO THE DANGERS OF WORKING AROUND A FORKLIFT. WITH ALL OF THE NOISES THAT CAN OCCUR DURING A WORK SHIFT, BACK UP AND WARNING SOUNDS CAN BLEND IN WITH EVERYTHING ELSE. THE KEY IS TO BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND STAY ALERT.**

