

# 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.**

