

The Core News



SUPREME CORES OF THE CAROLINAS, INC.
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Safety Achievement



Supreme Cores of the Carolinas, Inc., Lancaster, South Carolina, will celebrate three years without an OSHA recordable workplace injury.

We will achieve this goal on September 16, 2011. The cooperative efforts between the production employees, the management team, and the Company's insurance brokerage firm, Peoples First Insurance, has shown the success of the on-going safety training seminars presented by the Company's Safety Committee. Each employee is taking a personal responsibility to ensure that safe work practices are being followed throughout the plant.

Constant attention to safety details and employee involvement are the keys to keeping the workforce safe. The Company has emphasized to its employees the importance of putting safety first by conducting frequent meetings and training exercises.

Did you know that more than 20,000 workers are injured and 100 are killed in forklift related accidents each year in the United States? OSHA attributes the following three causes for the injuries and fatalities:

1. Insufficient or inadequate forklift training.
2. Failure to follow safe forklift operating procedures.
3. Lack of safety rule enforcement.

It is pretty sad that so many lives could be saved and injuries prevented, not too mention the estimated \$1 billion dollars a week that employers could save in worker's compensation costs, by simply providing the proper training, making sure that safe and proper procedures are followed, and by enforcing the rules.

The most common causes of forklift fatalities are:

- Forklift Overturning—22%
- Employees on foot struck by forklift—20%
- Victim crushed by forklift—16%
- Falling from forklift—9%

OSHA came up with regulation 29 CFR 1910.178, which protects employers and employees from the dangers involved with forklifts.

The following are a list of some of the basic requirements that your employees should be trained on:

Forklift Operation

The proper distance forks should be raised when moving a load and the operating of the forks while the lift is moving.

The safe speeds at which the forklift operates in order to ensure proper stopping

The operator should look forward and keep a clear view ahead of him.

The riding of someone on the lift other than the operator.

The driving of the lift into fixed objects that other objects may be resting on; items such as benches or tables.

Stability

Your employees must be trained in controlling variables that affect the stability of the loaded forklift.

Forklift Maintenance

OSHA requires you to properly maintain all forklifts. A few examples are brakes, mast chain, steering, and tires.

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Warning Devices

A horn is required on all forklifts.

Refresher Training

OSHA requires that refresher training be provided at least every 3 years and that you provide regular evaluations. If an operator is observed operating in an unsafe manner or breaking any of the rules then you must re-train the operator.

By making sure you train and educate your employees properly on how to drive and operate forklifts, you could save your company money and even save the life of your employee.

Quote of the Month

“WORKING WITHOUT SAFETY IS A DEAD-END JOB.”

~AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Customer's Corner

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