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## Winter Forklift Safety

OPERATING A FORKLIFT IN THE WINTER CAN BE TRICKY AND IT PRESENTS DANGEROUS SITUATIONS EVERY DAY ON THE JOB. SLICK, ICY ROADS AND BELOW-FREEZING SNOW BLIZZARDS PUT FORKLIFT SKILLS TO THE TEST. ACCORDING TO THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA), APPROXIMATELY 12 FATALITIES HAPPEN EACH DAY TO FORKLIFT OPERATORS IN THE U.S. ALL FROM ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES THAT ARE PREVENTABLE WITH THE RIGHT TRAINING.

HOW TO PREVENT INJURIES:

- KEEP WALKING PATHS CLEAR AND SPREAD DE-ICING PRODUCTS
- WEAR WELL-INSULATED, WATERPROOF FOOTWEAR WITH EXCELLENT TRACTION AND GRIP
- TAKE CAREFUL, SHORT STEPS AND WALK AT SLOWER PACE
- WEAR WARM CLOTHES TO TRAP BODY HEAT
- WEAR BRIGHT COLORS OR ADD REFLECTIVE TAPE TO YOUR OUTDOOR CLOTHING SO OTHERS CAN SEE YOU
- TAKE REGULAR BREAKS TO REGAIN FOCUS

ALTHOUGH ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE, SEVERE INJURIES AND FATALITIES CAN BE GREATLY REDUCED THIS WINTER WITH THE PROPER EMPLOYEE TRAINING. FORKLIFT CERTIFICATION THAT IS OSHA APPROVED WILL TEACH WORKERS HOW TO OPERATE FORKLIFTS, WHAT SAFETY HAZARDS TO LOOK FOR, AND HOW TO INSPECT EQUIPMENT FOR ANY RED FLAGS.

ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE GIVE OUR OSHA EXPERT DAVE BENNETT A CALL OR CLICK [HERE](#) TO FILL OUT A CONTACT FORM.