

BWC Update

Safety news from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Stop forking over cash

Forklifts can be a time and labor-saving asset to your business. However, when improperly used, these mobile machines can become a danger to everyone at your work site. Forklift runovers and overturns that can cause serious injury or death can often be avoided by following the correct safety procedures.

Below are measures BWC recommends to reduce forklift-related incidents at your work site:

- Ensure forklifts are properly maintained and employees are appropriately trained;
- Use visual and auditory signals to warn of hazardous equipment movement;
- Isolate or cordon off areas where struck by hazards exist;
- Avoid the use of mechanically powered vehicles near workers.

BWC's safety consulting services and training courses can help you instruct your employees on the safest use of forklifts. BWC also provides videos and *Safety Talks* on safe forklift operating.

BWC can also help you protect your workers from other common dangers in your workplace, such as:

- Cuts, lacerations and sharp object penetrations;
- Slips, trips and falls;
- Overexertion due to manual material handling and cumulative trauma;
- Motor vehicle accidents.

Employers that have used our safety services in the past have seen reductions in the amount of injury claims in the area of intervention. The use of these safety measures can prevent costly injuries, but most importantly, save a life.

More information is available about preventing injuries in the transportation and warehouse industry by [clicking here](#).

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