

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. When improperly used, these mobile machines can become a danger to everyone at your work site. Forklift runovers and overturns that can cause serious injuries and fatalities can be avoided by following proper safety procedures. Below are measures BWC recommends for reducing forklift related incidents at your work site:

- Install mirrors at blind intersections;
- 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 in the proximity of 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, including:

- Cuts, lacerations and sharp object penetrations;
- Getting caught in or between moving parts;
- Workplace violence;
- Slips, trips and falls.

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 retail and wholesale industry by [clicking here](#).

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