



Forklift and Transportation Safety

OSHA indicates there is an average of 87 fatalities involving forklifts each year and 34,000 serious injuries related to forklifts. With over 100 active forklifts on the Quonset Point facility these are numbers that we cannot ignore.

It is vital for our people not to ignore forklift activity and safety, and to not become complacent with the day-to-day operation. Forklift operators have many blind spots encompassing the forklift. Do not assume an operator can see you.

The worst forklift injury at Quonset Point was when a forklift was offloading a commercial box trailer. The driver of the tractor trailer did not engage his brakes or chock a tire. The forklift operator began offloading and while offloading, the tractor began to roll away from the dock. This caused the forklift to fall out of the back of the trailer, falling four feet to the ground. A simple wheel chock could have prevented this. All trucks being offloaded must have breaks set and wheels chocked.

We have had 21 (non injury) forklift related accidents this year which is an upward trend from last year.

The accident pyramid shows the relationship between serious, minor and near miss accidents. This idea proposes that if the number of minor accidents is reduced, then there will be a direct corresponding fall in the number of serious or fatal accidents.

We need to continue to be aware and alert when not only operating a forklift, but when working around them as well. We hold a standard of 200% accountability at EB which means we are not only responsible for our own safety, but the safety of others.

We can all do our part to make sure our accident pyramid does not grow any larger and prevent forklift incidents.

- Strap your loads
- Use a spotter when needed.
- Start each day with a clear head.
- Focus on the task at hand.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Always ask questions when you are not sure.

Be aware and be safe!

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Continuous Improvement

Making a Lasting Impact

Over 19,000 employee ideas have been implemented in the last year alone. You and your coworkers have come up with many ways to improve safety, make jobs easier, and do them more smartly, and they are being acted on.

Every week dozens of these improvements are put in place. While some will fade away as even better process improvements surpass them, others are fading away just because they were not locked in, and that is something we need to fix.

Consider the case of the suction lifter. Three years ago a mechanic and their supervisor got some of these to make moving their bulky material around easier. Now the mechanic and supervisor both have different jobs, and a new mechanic and supervisor who had never heard about it, separately came up with the same idea, got some, and showed them at a demo. That's when it was discovered this had previously been implemented, but knowledge of it faded away over time, because it wasn't locked in.



How do we keep these good ideas from fading away? Grab a team of employees and review some changes that have already been implemented. Then ask some questions.

Was the improvement good enough that it should stick around?

How can we ensure everyone in our group knows about it? Some groups post new tools acquired in the past month right at the tool crib door to let more people know. Others will add these new tools to their weekly stand down briefs or musters.

How can we ensure it doesn't fade out over time due to lack of knowledge? Some groups incorporate the changes into the trainings and refreshers. Some add them to templates or even replace the tools/equipment they used to use before. You can also easily add a note in a work order, checklist, or directive to include the new way.

Finding these types of improvements is particularly easy for newer hires, they can contribute great easy suggestions for how it would have been easy to make sure they knew about these things.

Ultimately, not only will focusing on how to make sure things stick will make sure you and your teammates get long term benefits from them, they also will help ensure every employee can identify two things they can do to help improve the way we do things.

Have a process improvement idea, or simply just want a board to bounce ideas off? Discuss your idea with your Supervisor. If additional resources are required for implementation, your Supervisor can contact Process Engineering.

Heat Exhaustion

Heat Stroke

ACT FAST

- Move to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing
- Sip cool water
- Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve

Dizziness

Thirst

Heavy Sweating

Nausea

Weakness



Confusion

Dizziness

Becomes Unconscious

ACT FAST

CALL 911

- Move person to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing and remove extra layers
- Cool with water or ice

Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.

Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.



Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!



I WANT YOU TO STAY HYDRATED!

Invite EB Wellness to your crew during the months of **June, July and August** to give a 10-minute wellness break about hydration.

For the first 10 crews to sign up, we will raffle off a water bottle at EACH wellness break (\$40 value!).

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QP Weekly Safety Briefing
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JOB HAZARD ANALYSIS
Basic steps in conducting a JHA are:

1. Conduct a **J**ob **H**azard **A**nalysis at the beginning of the shift and throughout the job
2. Break the job down into a sequence of steps
3. Identify potential hazards and unsafe conditions
4. Determine preventive measures to overcome these hazards
5. Ensure all tools and equipment are in good working order
6. **IMMINENT DANGER -** Secure the area and report the unsafe condition to your supervisor

STOP
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How do I identify potential hazards?

- Can any body parts get caught in or between objects?
- Do tools, machines, or equipment present any hazards?
- Can the worker make harmful contact with moving objects or rotating equipment?
- Can the worker slip, trip or fall?
- Can the worker suffer a strain from lifting, pushing, or pulling?
- Is the worker exposed to extreme heat or cold?
- Is excessive noise or vibration a problem?
- Is there a danger from falling objects?
- Is lighting a problem?
- Can weather conditions affect safety?
- Can contact be made with hot, toxic, or caustic substances?
- Are there harmful dust, fumes, mist or vapors that will be produced from the task?
- Is the work area clean and organized?

Read, Ask and Understand, before starting a job.

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Week 31



Job Opportunity - Robotic Welder - D914

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