

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY · TRAFFIC ROUTES

Forklift & pedestrian

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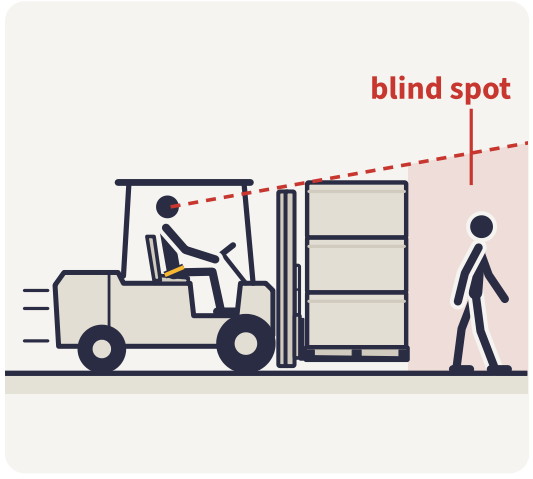
The driver may not see a pedestrian, especially if the load blocks the view. **Manufacturing, where forklifts are everyday tools, has the most workplace accidents.**

Possible consequences

- Serious injury or death
- Head injury
- Crushing
- Fracture
- Permanent disability

PEDESTRIAN

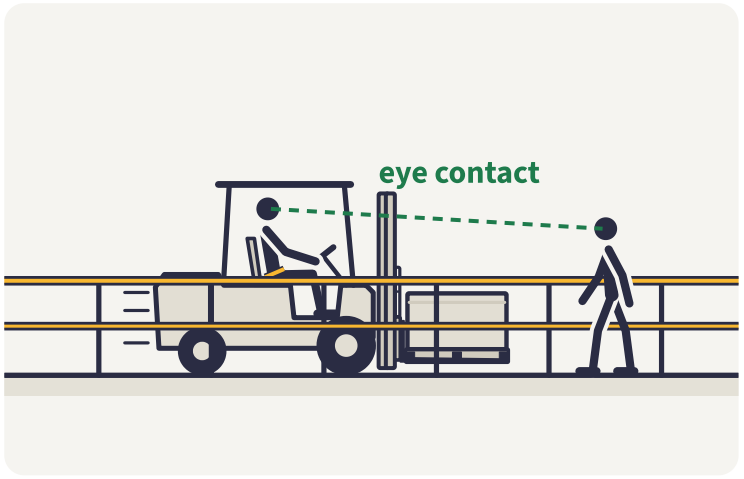
Blind spot



- Load blocks driver’s view
- Pedestrian walks in front
- Forklift can hit them

PEDESTRIAN & DRIVER

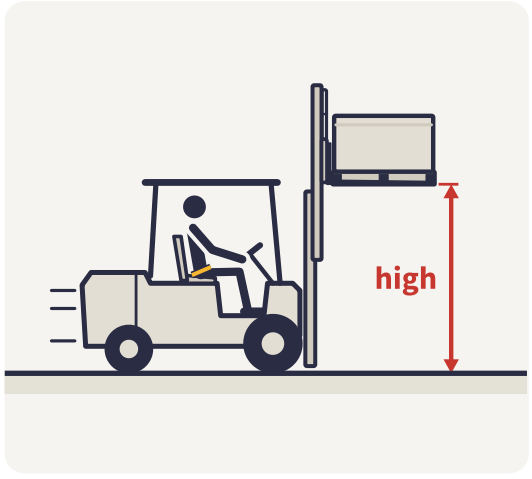
Eye contact



- Walkway separated by a barrier
- Pedestrian stays on walkway
- Driver and pedestrian see each other

LOAD WHILE DRIVING

Too high



- Forks are raised
- High centre of gravity
- Forklift can tip over

Where vehicles use a traffic route, pedestrians must have enough safe space or be protected by barriers.

DO

- **Walk only on marked walkways.**
- **Stop at junctions and look around.**
- **Make eye contact before approaching a forklift.**
- **Reduce the load if it blocks your view.**
- **Keep the load low while driving.**
- **Sound the horn at junctions.**
- **Slow down before turning.**
- **Wear a seat belt when driving.**

DON’T

- **Don’t step in front of a moving forklift**
  It can’t stop at once.
- **Don’t stand between forklift and wall or rack**
  The forklift can crush you.
- **Don’t stand by a turning forklift**
  The rear of a forklift swings out fast when it turns.
- **Don’t go under raised forks or a load**
  The load can fall.
- **Don’t drive forklifts on walkways**
  Pedestrians won’t expect you there.
- **Don’t carry a passenger**
  Only the driver has a seat.
- **Don’t jump out of a tipping forklift**
  You may end up under it.

REMEMBER

Eye contact. Separate routes. Load low.

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