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# Weekly Safety Tip

*We're about service, commitment, results, and accountability!*

*Our Weekly Safety Tip provides valuable and current safety information relevant for Work, Home & Play.*

*And, you will be kept current on the latest Safety Compliance issues.*



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**We want to hear from you! Send us your feedback and give us ideas for future safety topics.**

**Let us know how you feel about our new look!**

**Safety Slogan**

**Be aware Take care  
James Lehrke-SCI**

**of the week**

## SCI Safety Tip: Workplace Conditions That Can Lead to Forklift Accidents (Part 1)

**Source:** <http://www.blr.com>

**Date:** April 17, 2013

*Surface or ground conditions are an important part of safe powered industrial truck operation. In today's Advisor we focus on hazardous conditions in your workplace that can lead to forklift accidents.*

Physical conditions in the workplace that can lead to forklift accidents include slippery conditions, obstructions and uneven surfaces, flooring and load limits, overhead clearances, and ramps and grades.

### Slippery Conditions

#### Hazards

Danger of skidding when traveling on oil, grease, water or other spills

Danger of tipover when traveling on ice, snow, mud, gravel and uneven areas

#### Safe Practices

- Avoid the hazardous surface when feasible.
- Spread absorbent material on slick areas that you cannot avoid.
- Cross the slippery area slowly and cautiously.
- Report the area to prevent others from slipping.
- Post a sign or warning cones until the area can be cleaned.
- Drive slowly!
- Maintain contact with the ground by crossing uneven areas at an angle.
- Clean up the oil or grease spill before proceeding (driving over an oil or grease spot will enlarge the hazardous area).

### Obstructions and Uneven Surfaces

#### Hazards

Danger of tipover when traveling over obstructions

Danger of tipover in holes and bumps

#### Safe Practices

Keep all aisles clear.

Watch out for overhead obstructions.

Avoid the obstruction or get off the forklift and remove the obstruction.

Never drive straight across speed bumps or railroad tracks. Cross slowly at a 45-degree angle.

**Invites You To Join Us At The Upcoming:**

**Permit & Reporting Workshop**

**Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:30 AM**

**At Black Wolf Run 1111 W Riverside Dr, Kohler, WI 53044**

**Are you confused about Wastewater, Air, or Tier II requirements?  
Need to brush up on the basics? We will have 3 agency reps onsite  
to answer your questions.**

**Come for breakfast & learn about the:  
General Wastewater & Air Emissions permits from the WI  
Department of Natural Resources**

**Tier II Chemical Inventory process from the Division of  
Emergency Management**

**This 2 hour workshop will be split into three segments showcasing  
each of the permit triggers, reporting processes, & provide an intro  
to the particular websites. Plus Q&A!**

**To register for this valuable & unique opportunity please email  
[Laura@safetyconnections.com](mailto:Laura@safetyconnections.com)**

**Cost is \$25 a person, *Hurry, Space is limited!!*  
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Maintain steering control by keeping contact with the ground at all times.

If an area is cluttered, walk the route first to spot problems.

**Flooring and Load Limits**

***Hazard***

- Danger of collapsing floor

***Safe Practices***

- Observe posted floor loading limits.

- Inspect the condition of the floor. Look for holes or weakened flooring, loose objects or obstructions, protruding nails or boards.
- Inform a supervisor immediately if flooring is defective.
- Do not travel over a surface that cannot support the weight of the lift truck, its load, and its operator.
- Do not enter a boxcar or semi-van without inspecting its floor and knowing its load limits.

## SCI OSHA Compliance: Control the Power of Your Lockout/Tagout Training (Part 1)

Source: <http://www.blr.com>

Date: April 19, 2013

*Authorized employees who service or maintain machinery and equipment need special training on lockout/tagout procedures. Today's Advisor includes a training exercise that you can use to help train your workers.*

The information in today's issue comes from BLR's PowerPoint® presentation, "Lockout/Tagout—Authorized Employee Training."

The objective of the following exercise is to evaluate authorized employees' understanding of hazardous energy sources and control of hazardous energy with lockout/tagout.

### Instructions:

Discuss your workplace lockout/tagout program and procedures. Bring lockout/tagout devices that are used at your operation and review their uses.

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List the types of energy sources at your workplace. Identify the equipment at your workplace that needs to be locked out.

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Discuss an incident or near miss when equipment accidentally started. What was the root cause? What was changed to prevent reoccurrence?

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Choose a machine or piece of equipment subject to lockout/tagout. Identify all energy sources that have to be locked out/tagged out before anyone can service or repair the machine or equipment. Have an authorized employee demonstrate your company's specific shutdown and restart procedures. Note any recommendations or observations during the exercise, and discuss them with the appropriate personnel.

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### Guidance

The following are examples of lockout/tagout and restart procedures.

The lockout/tagout procedures must include the following steps:

1. Preparing for shutdown,
2. Shutting down the machine(s) or equipment,
3. Isolating the machine or equipment from the energy source(s),
4. Supplying the lockout or tagout device(s) to the energy-isolating device(s),
5. Safely releasing all potentially hazardous stored or residual energy, *and*
6. Verifying the isolation of the machine(s) or equipment before the start of service or maintenance work.



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Memory of Jessica Lehrke*