

Warehouse Safety



Review the following warehouse safety tips with your employees.

Toolbox Tips

SLIP, TRIP AND FALL

- If you see a hazard, pick it up. Never walk by and ignore trip hazards.
- Empty trash cans when full — do not allow them to overflow.
- Watch for wet floor conditions and avoid walking in wet areas.
- Keep passageways and aisles free of debris and clutter.
- Walk the designated paths and do not take shortcuts.
- Ensure you can see where you are walking.
- Do not jump from boxes, pallets, or other objects.
- Wear shoes with appropriate non-slip soles.

SAFE LIFTING BASICS

- Clear the walking path of trip hazards, obstacles and holes.
- Plan the route and take the shortest one possible.
- Determine the weight of the object before lifting it.
- Use equipment to lift heavy or bulky objects.
- When lifting objects over 50 pounds, perform a team lift.
- Lift with your legs and not your back.
- Stand close to the object to be lifted, keep a wide stance, and grasp firmly.
- Avoid twisting the body — it places enormous weight on the lower spine.
- Change direction with your feet by taking small steps instead of twisting.

- Slowly lower the load by squatting at the knees and hips — do not drop the load.
- Store heavy objects at waist level to avoid lifts from the floor.

LADDER SAFETY BASICS

- Survey the area for overhead power lines before setting up and climbing ladders.
- Inspect ladders before climbing.
- Never use a damaged or unsafe ladder.
- Verify ladder capacity before climbing.
- Do not use ladders for anything other than the job they are intended to do.
- Tie off/secure extension ladders to prevent tip over or kick out.
- Never stand on the top step of a ladder.

FORKLIFT SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS

- Always stay alert when working in areas where forklifts are operating.
- At blind corners, keep an eye out for moving forklifts or pallet trucks.
- Stay clear of areas where forklift use is frequent like loading docks or shipping areas.
- Never attempt to move or operate a forklift unless you are trained and authorized to do so.

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