

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY & HEALTH DIVISION

Chapter 48: [Industrial Trucks](#)

Quick Start Summary

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1 Who needs to know about these requirements

The requirements of Industrial Trucks apply to workers (as *operators*, *spotters*, and *receivers*), *custodians*, supervisors, and Fleet Services. They cover selecting, inspecting, maintaining, and using forklifts and other *industrial trucks* and associated attachments.

2 Why

The misuse of industrial trucks can result in property damage, severe injury, or death from equipment roll-overs or from personnel or property being caught in between the equipment and a solid object.

3 What do I need to know

Only workers who are physically fit and qualified may operate this equipment and handle the loads. Qualification includes thorough training, both classroom and practical, the latter emphasizing experience with specific models of industrial trucks.

Industrial trucks themselves must meet applicable standards, be maintained and stored properly, and pass an initial inspection, conducted by a *custodian*, when first brought on-site and a pre-use inspection, conducted by the *operator*, before each shift.

Special requirements apply for use of industrial trucks on roadways. A *spotter* is required when the operator's view is obstructed by the load or when operating in a congested area; a *receiver* is required when the load is to be lifted to or from a second floor or higher. If a spotter or receiver is required, the operator and spotter or receiver must conduct a pre-lift review.

4 When

These requirements take effect 21 November 2022.

5 Where do I find more information

[SLAC Environment, Safety, and Health Manual](#) (SLAC-I-720-0A29Z-001)

- [Chapter 48, "Industrial Trucks"](#)

Or contact the [program manager](#).