



# Weekly Safety Meeting

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## Forklift Safety – Traveling on Inclines

Every year forklift operators are injured or killed due to a tipover on a ramp or incline. Forklift operators should follow certain general rules of the road when traveling on ramps and other inclines in order to avoid the hazards of a tipover and losing the load.

### Follow these Precautions to Minimize the Risk While Traveling on Inclines:

When traveling *with a load*, the load should point up the incline, regardless of direction of travel.

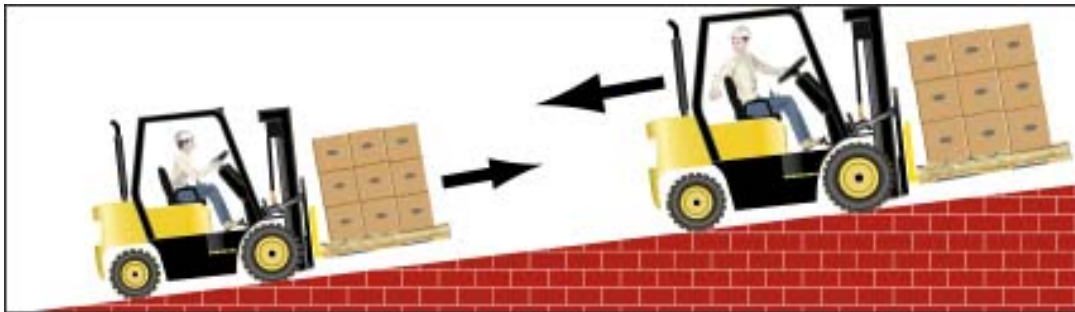
- Going up the incline:
  - Drive forward;
  - Forks pointed upgrade; and
  - Use a spotter if the load blocks the driver's view.
- Going down the incline:
  - Drive in reverse;
  - Turn head and face downgrade;
  - Forks pointed up the grade; and
  - Always look in the direction of travel.

When traveling *without a load*, the forks should point downgrade, regardless of direction of travel.

- Never drive with the load downgrade.
- Going up the incline:
  - Drive in reverse;
  - Turn head and face upgrade; and
  - Forks pointed downgrade.
- Going down the incline:
  - Drive forward; and
  - Forks pointed downgrade.
- Never turn a forklift on a grade, a ramp, or incline. Turn prior to the ramp or incline to place the forks in the proper direction.
- Keep a safe distance from the edge of a ramp.



- Do not travel on ramps with slopes or other conditions that exceed the manufacturer's recommendations.
- When walking with a pallet truck with or without a load, the forks should be pointed downgrade, regardless of direction of travel.



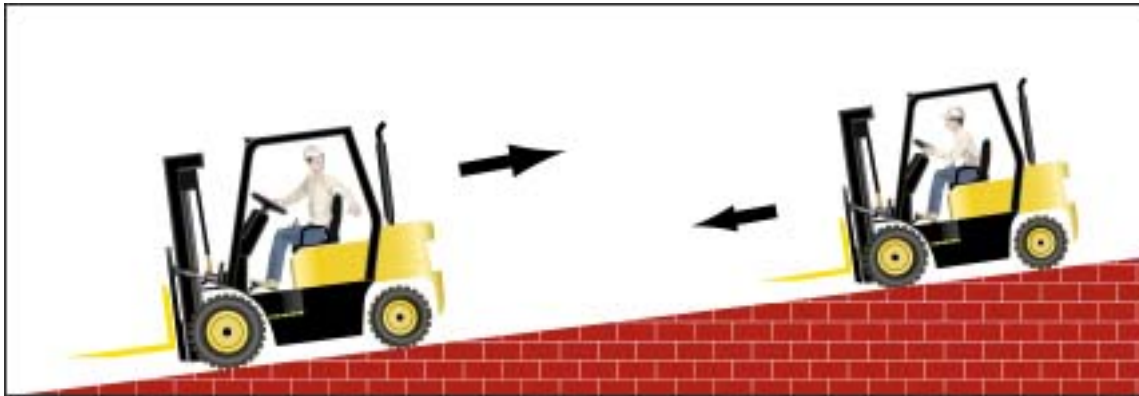
**Traveling with a load. Note that ramps should have railing or bull rails.**



**Traveling up ramp with load.**



**Traveling down ramp with a load.**



**Traveling without a load. Note that ramps should have railing or bull rails.**



**Traveling down ramp without load.**

**Have another day - by being safe today!**



## Safety Meeting Sign-In Sheet

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| Supervisor:   | Subject:           |
| Location:     | Date:              |
| Conducted By: | Trainer Signature: |

| Name (print clearly) | Signature | Comments / Safety Concerns / Training Requests |
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