



Safety Tip of the Week

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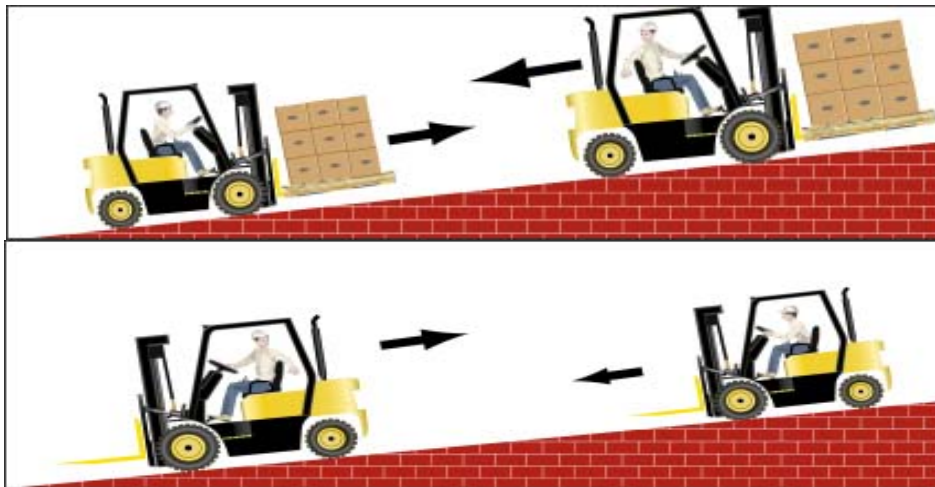
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Forklift Safety – Traveling on Inclines

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.

HAZARDS:

- Danger of a tipover
- Danger of losing the load.



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

Remember!

- While going up the incline with a load:
 - Drive forward;
 - Forks pointed upgrade; and
 - Use a spotter if load blocks the driver's view.
- While going down the incline with a load:
 - Drive in reverse;
 - Turn head and face downgrade; and
 - Forks pointed up the grade.
- Always look in the direction of travel. Never drive with the load downgrade.
- While going up the incline without a load:



- Drive in reverse;
- Turn head and face upgrade; and
- Forks pointed downgrade.
- Going down the incline without a load:
 - Drive forward; and
 - Forks pointed downgrade.

Other Safety Tips to REMEMBER!

- Never turn a forklift on a grade, a ramp or incline. Turn prior to the ramp or incline to place the forks in proper direction.
- Always keep a safe distance from the edge of a ramp.
- Never travel on ramps with slopes or other conditions that exceed the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Always walk with a pallet truck with or without a load, with the forks pointed downgrade, regardless of direction of travel.

Have another day - by being safe today!