

## **Safety Tip of the Week**

## **Electric Pallet Jack Safety**

Electric pallet jacks are one of the most useful pieces of equipment found in a company. If used correctly, they are highly efficient and can increase a picker's hourly rate by 50%.

Electric pallet jacks are easy and safe to operate if the guidelines below are followed:



- Prior to operating an electric pallet jack, always fill out the pre-operation inspection sheet. This will ensure you are using an electric power jack that is in good mechanical condition;
- If the electric power jack does not pass the pre-operation inspection, do not use it, and report the malfunctioning equipment to your supervisor immediately;
- Always be cautious of the wide swing of the electric power jack. Keep your body, especially your feet and ankles, clear of the jack;
- When operating the electric pallet jack, always face the direction of travel. Do not walk backwards;
- An electric pallet jack should never be operated on a ramp;
- The red button on the operation handle is an emergency reverse. This button will prevent the electric pallet jack from running you over; and
- The electric pallet jack, with a full load, can weigh as much as a car. You cannot stop, push, or drag the electric pallet jack. Never use your body to stop the electric pallet jack.

**EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED... ALWAYS BE PROTECTED!!**