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SUBJECT: Forklift Training

Cal-OSHA standard 29.CFR1910.178 requires forklift operators to be 18 years of age or over. Forklift operators must possess a valid forklift operating permit which is issued for a period of three years. Training consists of classroom time, videos, and practical training in operating a forklift, plus a performance evaluation.

A refresher course must be completed if the operator has an accident or “near miss,” doesn’t drive the forklift safely or receives an unfavorable evaluation. In addition, if a driver is assigned a different type of truck or if changes are implemented in the workplace that affects safe operation, a refresher course must be completed and the employer must certify the training and keep records.

If a district has forklift operators who need certification, please contact the risk manager.