

# TOOL BOX TALKS

## Standing on the Forks

### Construction Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention



Never use the forks of a forklift to lift employees to elevated levels. Without a proper platform or other fall protection devices they expose employees to falls. Review this safety document with your employees.

#### Tool Box Tips

1. Never lift anyone on the forks.
2. Spinal injuries, brain damage and broken bones are common fall injuries.
3. Death is a possibility when workers fall to concrete below.
4. Pallets are not considered a work platform. Using a pallet for employee lifting is prohibited.
5. When using a work platform on the forks, make sure it is tied back to the mast.
6. Always wear fall protection when working from platforms or baskets attached to forklifts including:
  - Full body harness
  - Short lanyard
  - Anchorage point
7. Forklift-mounted work platforms must be enclosed with guardrails on all four sides. The following are required:
  - Top rail at 39-45 inches
  - Mid rail
  - Toe board
8. Secure work baskets to the forklift backrest.



*There is no platform or fall arrest system used in this photo.*



*There is no guardrail or fall arrest system used in this photo.*



*This is an improper platform and there is no fall arrest system being used.*

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