

Forklift Operator Workshop

“New” Operator(s) Certification Course

Certificates are valid for 3 years in CA.

This is not a Refresher Course.

COURSE DETAILS

Date:

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Location:

Kerman Unified School District
Library Media Center (next to warehouse)
207 S. First Street
Kerman, CA



Time: 8:00 am – 10:30 am (Classroom)

(Late arrivals greater than 10 minutes will not be allowed to take the course.)

Evaluations: Hands-on evaluations are required for certification and will be conducted immediately following the classroom presentation at each individual district on the district forklift. Times will be determined the day of training.

RSVP: safety@fidelitysafety.com at least two weeks prior to course. Number of participants is limited.

OSHA estimates that about a million forklifts are used by about 1.5 million employees and that forklift accidents account for 100 deaths and 95,000 injuries each year. OSHA's standard on powered industrial trucks has specific requirements for operator training (Title 8, 3668 Cal-OSHA) that requires a combination of formal training (classroom, videos, etc.) with practical instruction, as well as an evaluation and certification process. The standard specifies a long list of required training topics. Once an operator is trained, a refresher training and evaluation is required least every three years and more often for operators who have a record of accidents or near-hits, new equipment or if work conditions change. FS&T's certified forklift training program helps employers reduce the risk of injury, death, or property damage caused by forklift accidents. This training program is designed to ensure compliance with the OSHA and Cal-OSHA forklift regulations.

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FORKLIFT “REFRESHER” TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OCTOBER 2017

Cal/OSHA regulations require forklift safety instructors to possess a certain level of competency, experience, and forklift knowledge. Cal/OSHA’s General Industry Safety Order (GISO), Section 3668 states, that: *“All operator training and evaluation shall be conducted by persons who have the knowledge, training, and experience to train powered industrial truck operators and evaluate their competence.”*

§3668. Powered Industrial Truck Operator Training.

(d) Refresher training and evaluation. Refresher training, including an evaluation of the effectiveness of that training, shall be conducted as required by subsection (d)(1) to ensure that the operator has the knowledge and skills needed to operate the powered industrial truck safely.

(1) Refresher training in relevant topics shall be provided to the operator when:

- (A) The operator has been observed to operate the vehicle in an unsafe manner;
- (B) The operator has been involved in an accident or near-miss incident;
- (C) The operator has received an evaluation that reveals that the operator is not operating the truck safely;
- (D) The operator is assigned to drive a different type [class] of truck; or
- (E) A condition in the workplace changes in a manner that could affect safe operation of the truck.

(2) An evaluation of each powered industrial truck operator's performance shall be conducted at least once every three years.

(e) Avoidance of duplicative training. If an operator has previously received training in a topic specified in subsection (c) of this section, and such training is appropriate to the truck and working conditions encountered, additional training in that topic is not required if the operator has been evaluated and found competent to operate the truck safely.

(f) Certification. The employer shall certify that each operator has been trained and evaluated as required by this section. The certification shall include the name of the operator, the date of the training, the date of the evaluation, and the identity of the person(s) performing the training or evaluation.