OSHA Forklift Safety Inspection Checklist

☐ Are employees properly trained in the use of the type of industrial truck they operate?

☐ Are only trained personnel allowed to operate industrial trucks?

☐ Is substantial overhead protective equipment provided on high lift rider equipment?

☐ Are the required lift truck operating rules posted and enforced?

☐ Is directional lighting provided on each industrial truck that operates in an area with less than 2 foot candles per square foot of general lighting?

☐ Does each industrial truck have warning horn, whistle, gong, or other device that can be clearly heard above normal noise in the areas where it is operated?

☐ Are the brakes on each industrial truck capable of bringing the vehicle to a complete and safe stop when fully loaded?

☐ Does the parking brake of the industrial truck prevent the vehicle from moving when unattended?

☐ Are industrial trucks that operate where flammable gasses, vapors, combustible dust, or ignitable fibers may be present approved for such locations?

☐ Are motorized hand and hand/rider trucks designed so that the brakes are applied and power to the drive motor shuts off when the operator releases his or her grip on the device that controls the truck’s travel?

☐ Are industrial trucks with internal combustion engines that are operated in buildings or enclosed areas carefully checked to ensure that such operations do not cause harmful concentrations of dangerous gases or fumes?

☐ Are safe distances maintained from the edges of elevated ramps and platforms?

☐ Are employees prohibited from standing or passing under elevated portions of trucks, whether loaded or empty?

☐ Are unauthorized employees prohibited from riding on trucks?

☐ Are operators prohibited from driving up to anyone standing in front of a fixed object?

☐ Are arms and legs kept inside the running lines of the truck?

☐ Are loads handled only within the rated capacity of the truck?

☐ Are trucks in need of repair removed from service immediately?