10 Things You Need to Know about Forklift Safety

- 1. Make certain that you have been thoroughly trained for the forklift to be operated.
- 2. Visually inspect the forklift before operating it, checking for any unsafe conditions that would make it dangerous to operate.
- 3. Always wear a seatbelt and operate at a safe speed.
- 4. Keep hands, arms and legs inside the forklift.
- 5. Use the **Stop Look Listen Rule**:
 - a. Stop and sound the horn at doorways and intersections.
 - b. Look left and right when your view is obstructed and sound the horn before moving.
 - c. Listen for pedestrians, horns and sirens.
- 6. Never travel with a load that is greater than the forklift's lifting capacity.
- 7. Do not allow riders on or in the forklift at any time.
- 8. Do not raise or lower loads while traveling.
- Handle loads that are stable and safely organized. Always tilt the load back before raising or driving.
- 10. Never allow pedestrians to walk under a raised load.