

## Prince George Warehouse Forklift Training Programs

Prince George Warehouse Forklift Training Programs - Warehouses can be commercial, retail or industrial facilities. Their function can differ from product distribution to retailing bulk products. Regardless of the type of warehouse, personnel in warehouse settings should be trained correctly in safety measures related to material handling and storage, conveyor systems, loading docks, and pallet jacks and forklifts. Good housekeeping is vital to an orderly and safe warehouse setting.

The loading dock system is often built into the warehouse at a height from the ground making it easy to move things coming in and moving out of the warehouse. Workers will also load and unload merchandise and materials from the elevated docks and ramps. Particular attention must be paid to safety habits throughout this stage. To prevent falls, install yellow striping along the edge of ramps and docks. Pay attention to the area around delivery trucks which are parked at the loading dock, especially the area between truck and dock. Be sure that truck wheels are chocked while unloading.

To distribute products in the facility, some warehouses use a conveyor system. These systems are designed with moving wheels and belts which can pose a pinch point hazard. Keep hair and parts of the body well away from conveyors to prevent injury. Elevated conveyors pose a danger to personnel below if safety nets are absent. Personnel should know how to stop conveyors in the event of emergency. Be aware of the location of emergency stop buttons and off switches. When servicing conveyors, tag out/lock out measures are mandatory.

Forklifts and pallet jacks are designed to move materials around the warehouse. Forklift operators are required to take training and receive certification. Operators of pallet jacks do not need certification, but must be trained about the machinery. Training programs instruct operators in the right methods for hoisting objects and moving them to their assigned place. Neither pallet jacks nor forklifts must ever be used to transport or lift workers.

Rack system and storage shelving help to create an efficient and orderly work space if they are braced, sturdy, and allow sufficient room for individuals and machinery to pass. Slow and careful placement of goods is needed to prevent accidents caused by products falling off the facing aisle. Aisles must be kept clear by keeping products flat and within the shelving units. Pallets are used for stacking products. They must be in good condition, and palletized products should be shrink-wrapped or baled, whenever possible.

Personal protective equipment (or also known as PPE) should be worn, as appropriate, to protect workers' heads, limbs, hands and feet. Hard hats or bump caps, steel-toed shoes and gloves are common PPE.

Slippery floors pocked with pits and dents present a hazard. Good housekeeping practices involve keeping warehouse floors and docks clear of dirt, debris and oil. The space should be kept clear of baling supplies, trash and boxes.