

Pedestrian safety around fork lift trucks.



Forty-three people - including two teenagers - are likely to be badly injured by UK fork lift trucks in the next seven days, according to findings released by the Fork Lift Truck Association (FLTA) during the National Fork Lift Safety Week.

The shocking figures, based upon HSE workplace accident statistics since 2001, also show that fork lift trucks injure almost as many people at work as vans, cars and HGVs combined.

Statistically, alongside two victims under the age of 19, an average week's injury toll of 43 would include the following types of people:

- Eleven serious, long-term injuries, such as amputations
- Five victims at or approaching retirement age (55+)
- Three injuries to female workers
- Twenty pedestrians struck by a moving truck

Someone in the UK is killed by a fork lift truck on average every six weeks.

All lift truck operators at Plastica have been trained and understand that safety is our number one priority during all operations with lift trucks.

To avoid becoming one of the statistics from the list above it is important that pedestrians sharing the same space as lift trucks follow these safety instructions:

1. Never walk underneath raised forks.
2. Always wear Hi Viz clothing in areas where lift trucks operate.

3. Never distract a lift truck operator if they are lifting or driving.
4. Stay on marked pedestrian pathways and look both ways before stepping into forklift operating areas.
5. Listen out for lift truck horns and reversing signals.
6. Never assume that a lift truck operator has seen you, make eye contact and wait for the lift truck operator to tell you when it is safe for you to pass by.
7. Never move behind a lift truck whilst it is stacking or de-stacking. The driver's attention is split between the load in front and what is happening around.
8. Never use walkways for storage. Pedestrians are put at unnecessary risk if they must step into an area where forklifts are operating.
9. Don't be complacent, always be aware of your surroundings.



I confirm I have read, understood and will follow these instructions.

Name:

Signed: Date: