

# Avoid Falling Loads

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## Safe Travel Rules

Always follow all Safe Travel Rules when operating a PIT.



## Prevent Falling Loads When...

### ...Turning and Steering

1. Reduce speed.
2. Anticipate the rear-end swing and start the turn as close to the inside corner as possible. Plan your route and anticipate turns. When operating a forklift in confined areas or narrow aisles, remember that the rear-end swings in the opposite direction of the turn.
3. Avoid turning with forks elevated.
4. Never turn on a grade.

### ...Traveling on Inclines

1. Travel on grades slowly.
2. Drive loaded trucks with the load upgrade.
3. Drive **un**loaded trucks with the forks downgrade.
4. Never turn on a grade.

### ...Traveling

1. Do not travel with a load elevated higher than needed to clear the ground surface.
2. Observe all traffic regulations, including authorized plant speed limits. Maintain a safe distance – approximately three truck lengths from the truck ahead – and keep the truck under control at all times.
3. Be aware of potential obstructions in all directions.

### ...Visibility is Blocked

1. Use spotters, rear view mirrors, or other aids to increase visibility.
2. Where available, use concave mirrors when entering buildings or aisles.
3. Be especially careful on loading docks – stay away from the edge.