

Avoid Injury

Safe Travel Rules

Always follow all Safe Travel Rules when operating a PIT.

Avoiding Injury

Collision with overhead obstructions can result in:

1. Do not grab the overhead guard when traveling in reverse. This could expose you fingers to serious injury.
2. Keep arms or legs inside the confines of your vehicle.
3. Ensure that your vehicle's roll-over protection system ROPS is secure.
4. Use your seatbelt during operation.
5. Never carry passengers.

In Case of Tipover

1. Don't jump. Stay in the forklift.
2. Hold tight to the steering wheel.
3. Brace feet.
4. Lean AWAY from the impact.
5. Lean forward.

Tipover procedures for other types of forklifts may vary. For example, operators of stand-up forklifts with rear-entry access should step backwards off the forklift if a tipover occurs.

Loading Docks

1. Be especially careful on loading docks; stay away from the edge.
2. Be mindful of physical barriers such as ramps, raised concrete staging areas, and heavy-gauge safety chains in front of dock openings.
3. Docks should be equipped with protective guard rails.
4. Properly secure the dockboard or bridgeplates before driving over them. Drive over them carefully and slowly and never exceed their stated capacity.

