

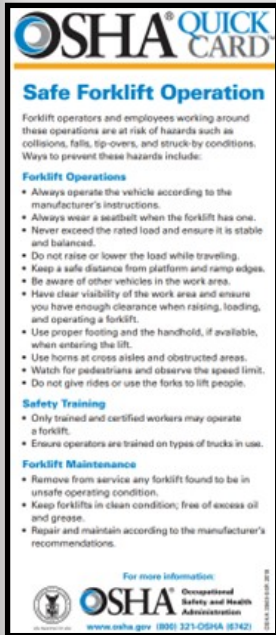


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New Regional Emphasis Program for Powered Industrial Vehicles

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Powered Industrial Truck Resources from OSHA



OSHA's [Forklift eTool](#) provides detailed information on:

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[Sample Daily Checklist for PIT](#)



A new regional emphasis program (REP) is being implemented by OSHA in Region VIII for inspections of all general industry and construction workplaces where the operation of powered industrial vehicles (PIV) or personnel handling motorized equipment is occurring. The purpose of the program is to reduce injuries and fatalities from the operation of this type of equipment.

Under this REP, PIVs and personnel handling equipment includes PIVs that are ridden or controlled by a walking operator and include any mobile power-propelled truck used to carry, push, pull, lift, stack or tier materials. Golf carts or electric trucks used to transport personnel or ATVs used for grounds crews and each of the following vehicles are also included: high lift trucks, cantilevered trucks, forklift trucks, low lift trucks, motorized hand trucks, narrow aisle trucks, reach rider trucks, high lift order picker rider trucks, rough terrain trucks, aerial lifts, counter-balanced trucks, rider trucks, high platform trucks, loft lift platform trucks, pallet trucks, straddle trucks, single side loader trucks, motorized hand/rider trucks, skid steers, front end loaders, scissor lifts, and vehicles with lift gates.

This REP aligns strategically with OSHA's Agency Management Plan (AMP), specifically as it concerns the reduction of hazards in the Warehousing and Storage Industry and during the operation of powered industrial trucks (PIT). The PIT standard ([29 CFR 1910.178](#)) is by far the most cited standard in the Warehousing and Storage industry (NAICS 493) over the past three years. 29 CFR 1910.178 is consistently in the top 10 most frequently cited standards in federal OSHA inspections. The number of fatalities with a primary source of injury reported as



“Industrial vehicles, material hauling and transport-powered” increased

OSHA and the DJ Basin Safety Council Sign Ambassador Alliance Agreement.

The DJ Basin Safety Council and OSHA's longstanding alliance relationship culminated in the signing of an Ambassador Agreement on August 2, 2022. Ambassador status reflects OSHA's recognition that an alliance participant has built and will continue to maintain a productive cooperative relationship with the agency. OSHA expects that Alliance Program Ambassadors will continue to share timely and relevant safety and health information with members, and work collaboratively on issues that emerge among its membership. However, Ambassador participants do not have the data reporting and other requirements that come with a formal Alliance. Ambassador relationships remain in effect for the duration of an ongoing cooperative relationship and a good faith effort by both parties to meet the intent of the arrangement.

Since entering an alliance with OSHA in 2013, the DJ Basin Safety Council has worked with OSHA to improve workplace health and safety by sharing information, guidance, and access to training resources that address occupational hazards in the oil and gas industry such as falls, heat stress, silica, hydrocarbon exposures, and COVID-19.

For more information on the Alliance Program and to see current and past alliances across the country, visit the [Alliance Program website](#).



OSHA and DJ Basin Representatives Sign Ambassador Agreement

Powered Industrial Vehicles continued...

from 60 in CY2017 to 95 in CY2019, based on data from the BLS Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI).

Many hazards which could lead to serious injury and death are associated with the operation of PIVs and personnel handling equipment. According to BLS data, 614 workers lost their lives in forklift related incidents between 2011 and 2017. In addition, more than 7,000 non-fatal injuries with days away from work occur each year. In 2017 alone, forklifts were involved in 9,050 nonfatal workplace injuries with days away from work. Of these, injuries to pedestrians resulted in the highest median number of days away from work. According to data from the National Safety Council, service providing industries had the highest number of non-fatal forklift injuries between 2011 and 2020. Jobs involving transportation and moving of materials resulted in the highest number of injuries with the majority of these being fractures.

In recent years, area offices throughout Region VIII have investigated numerous forklift and PIV incidents including multiple tip overs, dropped loads, crushing injuries from buckets, and struck-by incidents, with several of these resulting in fatalities.

Inspections of all General Industry and Construction worksites utilizing PIVs will be expanded to include PIV hazards and equipment. In addition, target inspection lists will be developed for certain industries listed in the emphasis program.

Inspections under this program will begin after a 90-day period of outreach.

The full emphasis program will soon be available [here](#). If you have questions about the program or would like information and training on OSHA's PIT standard, please contact John Olaechea (720-264-6586 / olaechea.john@dol.gov). For general information on PIT safety, visit the OSHA [topic page for PIT](#).



It is a violation of Federal law for anyone UNDER 18 years of age to operate a forklift or for anyone OVER 18 years of age who is not properly trained and certified to do so. [Download the Sticker](#).



NAXSA/OSHA Colorado Trench Safety Summit October 5th, 2022 at the Adams County Fairgrounds

NAXSA is partnering with OSHA to provide a one-day trench summit to increase trench hazard awareness and promote trench safety. The free full-day of training will include classroom training, live outdoor demonstrations, roundtable discussions, and a fire department rescue presentation/demo. Breakfast, lunch, snacks, and drinks will be provided and door prizes will be given at the end of the day. Other partners in bringing this summit to you include:

Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Colorado

Colorado Contractors Association (CCA)

National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) of Colorado

Colorado 811

For more information please go to the [registration page](#).

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Montana Department of Labor & Industry

SafetyFestMT

The Montana Department of Labor & Industry's fall [SafetyFestMT](#) will take place September 20-22 at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. [Courses offered](#) during the SafetyFestMT include OSHA 10 for General Industry or Construction, HAZWOPER refresher, First Aid/CPR/AED, and a variety of other health and safety topics including suicide awareness. Registration is free and now open! Click [here](#) to subscribe to the department's newsletter about upcoming SafetyFestMT events.

[SafetyFestMT Registration](#)



The Jobsite Safety Committee of the HBA of Metro Denver and HomeSafe Colorado will be holding their fifth annual [Safety Fair](#) September 15th from 10am-2pm. The free Safety Fair will be held at 2711 W. 167th Place, Broomfield, CO 80023, and is

designed to bring safety products and ideas to the field where workers can be exposed to them. The event will include free lunch and door prizes. No registration is required. For more information visit the [website](#).

Eric S. Wollan is the new compliance assistance specialist (CAS) serving Region VIII in North and South Dakota. As a CAS, Eric will provide outreach and non-enforcement services to stakeholders in the Dakotas. Eric is located in the Sioux Falls Area Office and available to the public for a variety of activities including presentations, safety stand-downs, workshops and classes, Q&A sessions, seminars, and other speaking events (live or virtual). Outreach is always free of charge, and you can contact Eric for these services or general safety and health questions at 605-740-3406 or wollan.eric.s@dol.gov. For more information on the role of a CAS or to find one in your local area, [click here](#).

Eric was born and raised in Sioux Falls, SD, and comes to OSHA with a variety of work experiences to draw from. Eric joined the South Dakota Air National Guard in 1991, initially to help pay for college, however, after graduating in 1997, turmoil in the Middle East led to a 30-year career with multiple deployments as a jet engine mechanic until 2003 when he was given the responsibility of managing occupational safety for the 114th Fighter Wing. His most recent deployment took him to an undisclosed location, leading a team of Air Force safety pros covering four Air Expeditionary Wings as well as assisting in the retrograde of Bagram Air Base safety assets and personnel.

After graduating from South Dakota State University with a degree in Environmental Management and Chemistry, Eric began his career creating and managing nutrient management plans for large scale concentrated animal feeding operations. Early in his career, he was introduced to occupational safety and health while participating in a rescue/recovery of an employee who was fatally injured while cleaning an animal waste lagoon. Not too soon after, in 2002 he was asked to take over safety responsibilities in the South Dakota Air National Guard as a part time Occupational Safety Manager. In the early 2000s he and his brother partnered in a family-owned general construction company, designing and building single and multi-family housing in Sioux Falls, not to mention creating the safest jobsites in the area. After 14 years in the construction industry, he took a position as the safety and health officer for EROS Center, a Department of Interior facility responsible for the Landsat satellite mission and data distribution. In 2017 he came on board with OSHA at the new Sioux Falls Area Office as a compliance officer until taking his new position as a CAS covering North and South Dakota. Eric believes “working for OSHA is the perfect way to spread safety knowledge and make a lasting impact on safety in our communities”.

In his spare time, Eric enjoys the Missouri River Walleye hunt as well as camping and exploring the Midwest with his family. He is an avid tinkerer and collector of things and enjoys making broken things work again.



Eric and Sasha the Falcon

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