



# CompWest Loss Lessons: Forklift – Rider Jack Accident

## True Story

While utilizing a stand-up rider jack, an employee collided with another team member using a forklift. The operator of the rider jack suffered severe injuries from the forklift.

## Lessons Learned

While operating workplace equipment, employees should:

- Travel at a safe speed
- Slow down and honk the horn when going around a blind corner
- Drive a forklift with forks fully lowered
- Look in the direction of travel while reversing the equipment

## Prevention Tips

Consider the following to avoid serious injuries:

- Provide training and refreshers upon observation of unsafe practices
- Establish and adequately communicate the organization's disciplinary policy for unsafe practices and provide managers with the authority to implement it

## Additional Resources

- [Cal/OSHA Industrial Power Truck Standard-General](#)
- [Cal/OSHA Operating Rules](#)
- [OSHA Powered Industrial Trucks eTool](#)

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