



## Nitco Materials Handling Solutions Newsletter

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Providing formal training for your lift-truck operators pays surprising dividends, in addition to satisfying your federal OSHA obligations.

Trained and certified operators behave more professionally and take more pride in their work. This often translates into fewer accidents and incidents; potentially reducing your insurance premiums. Trained operators also take better care of their equipment, resulting in lower maintenance expense. The bottom line - trained operators are more productive.

**Frequently Asked Questions--**



Here are some of the most common questions that our customers ask us about complying with OSHA's Powered Industrial Truck (forklift) operator training regulations:

1. How often do I have to certify my operators?
2. I have only motorized pallet jacks in my warehouse. I don't have to train my operators, right?
3. I have a high turnover of

**• OSHA steps up enforcement in New England**



OSHA has stepped up enforcement in New England of its forklift regulations. Under a current OSHA "local emphasis" program (directive # CPL 2-1.22), OSHA will:

Read on...

**• Under 18 Not Allowed!**



According to both state and federal law, teens less than 18 years of age are not allowed to operate forklifts at work!

Do you employ teenagers? It's important that you're aware of the special safety needs of young workers.

Full Story

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employees. Can I learn to give this training myself?

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Through training, operators learn to watch for, anticipate and react to hazards before an accident or incident occurs.

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