



Aquionix

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Safety Corner

Forklift Operator Training

Inadequate or missing operator training is the **most commonly cited forklift standard**. Operator training must be conducted at least every three years and must include:

- Formal Instruction;
- Practical Training; and
- Evaluation of Operator Performance.

In addition to every three years, training and evaluation must be redone:

- When unsafe operation is observed;
- After an accident or near miss;
- Upon witnessing unsafe operating performance; and
- Upon changes to a forklift or to the workplace that could effect safe operation.

Holiday Lighting Safety

- Use only lights approved by OSHA-certified laboratories, like Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- Never leave tree lights on when you are not home.
- Check for frayed wires before plugging in lights.
- Never string lights when they are plugged in.
- Use extension cords that are rated to carry the electrical loads connected to them.
- Don't overload a circuit. An overloaded circuit could cause a fire.
- Use outlets with ground fault interrupters for outdoor lighting.
- Do not drive nails, staples or tacks through wiring insulation.

Did You Know...

60% of all carbon monoxide emissions come from motor vehicle exhaust.

EH&S Reward & Recognition Programs

If your company is one of the many that are tired of the negative reinforcement common within regulatory agencies, you will be excited to learn about a few of the newest programs being developed to recognize companies that voluntarily go beyond compliance, such as:

- EPA's Performance Track;
- OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program; and
- CPDHE's Environmental Leadership Program.

Although each program is structured a bit differently, they all have similar benefits and requirements, which are summarized below.

Benefits

Benefits for participants include national/state recognition, regulatory and administrative flexibility, fewer inspections, reductions in record-keeping and reporting requirements, and increased flexibility in meeting select regulatory requirements.

Requirements

Companies pursuing recognition generally must have:

- An implemented and evaluated Environmental or Safety Management System;
- A history of sustained compliance;
- A record of environmental/safety achievement;
- A commitment to continuous improvement; and
- A community outreach program (environmental programs only).

How Aquionix can help

Aquionix has stayed on the leading edge of these programs to ensure our clients are informed and able to reap the rewards. We would be happy to meet with you and discuss these programs in more detail, as well as help you determine if these programs match the direction your company is heading. We also provide assistance getting recognized, including development of all required procedures and applications.