

# Essential Steps: Forklifts

**24  
PERCENT**

of fatalities between 2007 and 2016 were in the transport, postal and warehousing industry<sup>1</sup>

**250  
PEOPLE**

on average are injured by forklifts in Victoria every year<sup>2</sup>

**69  
FATALITIES**

were associated with forklifts between 2003 and 2016<sup>3</sup>

## Steps to safety

**01**

Ensure there is a traffic management plan in place that separates forklifts and people.

**02**

Make sure all loads are secure before moving.

**03**

Reduce the speed limit around the workplace, and remove incentives that encourage operators to drive too quickly.

**Refer to the relevant safety authority in your jurisdiction for further information**

1. <https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/statistics-and-research/statistics/fatalities/fatality-statistics-industry>

2. <http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/pages/safety-and-prevention/health-and-safety-topics/forklifts>

3. <https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/system/files/documents/1710/work-related-traumatic-injury-fatalities-report-2016.pdf>

