

# Forklift Safety



**Never operate plant or equipment if you are not authorised to do so.**



## Safety Checks

- Before you begin your shift each day you should check to ensure that your forklift is in good working order and that any problems are recorded for further action on a 'Pre-Start Checklist Form'.
- If any items require maintenance, they must be reported to your supervisor.
- Only qualified persons can carry out maintenance and repairs on forklift trucks.

## Forklift Speed

- You should always adhere to any speed restriction signs or company policy and procedures on forklift speed. Other considerations include the size of the load you are carrying and the layout of the workplace.
- You must travel at a speed that allows you to stop safely.

## Moving the Loads

Know the area you are going to be moving the load around in. Be aware of the following:

- Height restrictions
- Position of pipes
- Location of powerlines
- Low or narrow doorways
- Blind corners
- Surfaces you will be driving on.