

How do I lift something with a Forklift?

Verify the nameplate on the forklift to make sure you do not exceed the determined weight capacity. Open the forklift prongs as wide as the equipment will allow in order to evenly distribute the forklifts' weight. Check that the correct lift fixture required is being used, such as a drum grabber or a carpet spike. Drive the forklift to position to lift the load. Insert the forks through the pallet far enough to make sure you can secure the load completely on the forklift while ensuring the load is centered and not leaning to one side. Shift the forks backward to tilt the weight so that it leans back against the forklift. Use tie-down straps to secure any loose or uneven ends on the load. Lift and tilt the load back one more time and then drive with the forks approximately ten inches above the ground to avoid tipping.