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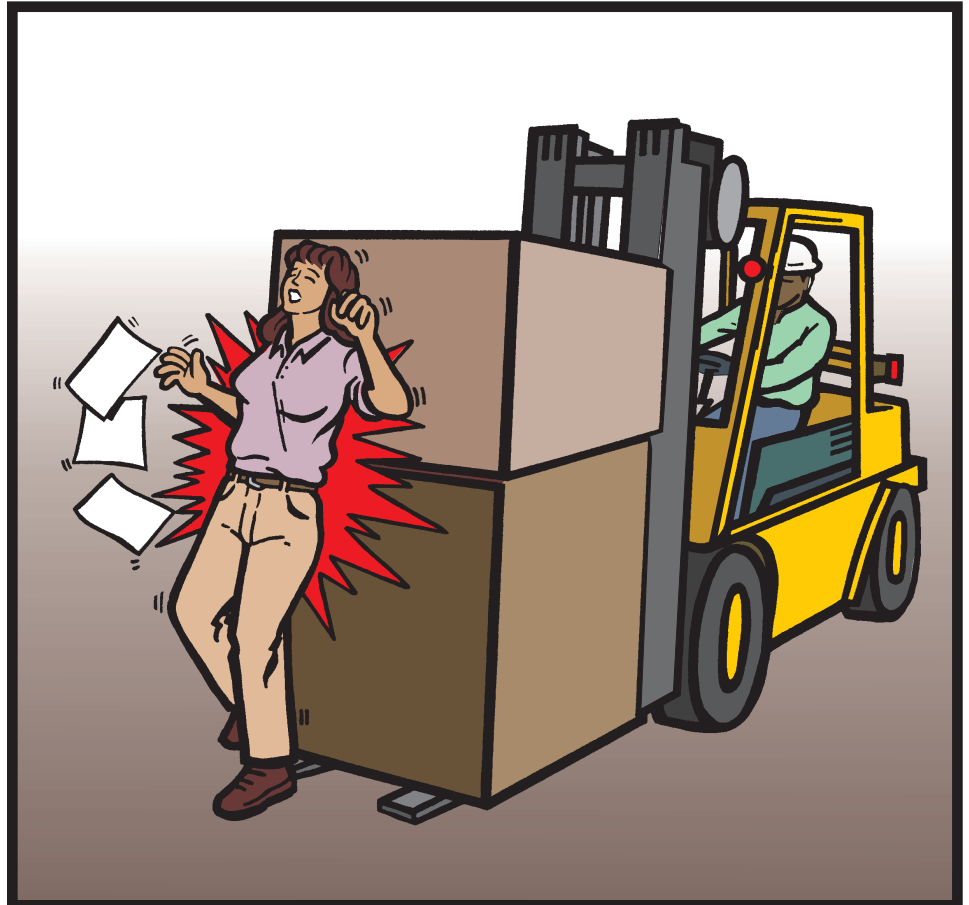
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Become familiar with these rules before thinking of driving a forklift.

1. Operating a forklift takes skill, mechanical knowledge, safety rules and defensive driving. Make sure you are certified to drive one.
2. Only trained and assigned drivers should operate a forklift.
3. If at any time a forklift is found to be unsafe, the truck must be taken out of service until it is safe to operate.
4. Never park in front of fire equipment.
5. Do not pass another vehicle in narrow aisles.
6. Never smoke in fueling areas.
7. If you cannot see past a load in front (see picture at right), travel backwards carefully or use a spotter and signals to make sure the way is clear.
8. Never attempt to lift a load beyond the load limits of your forklift.
9. When leaving your forklift, lower the forks, put it in neutral, set the brake, block wheels if on an incline, shut off power and always remove the key.

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