# Lift Truck (Forklift) Operator Training Program

These training events deliver the safety requirements (set forth by OSHA Standards – 29 CFR §1910.178) necessary to operate forklifts, platform lift trucks, motorized hand trucks, and other specialized industrial trucks powered by electric motors or internal combustion engines for the General Industry.



#### The fundamentals for safe operating procedures primarily targets:

- Identifying workplace hazards unique to the handling, movement, and storage of materials
- Proper use of spotters/escorts when operating around pedestrian or other lift truck traffic
- Importance of understanding and utilizing Fall Protection Systems (where applicable)

Workshops will focus on the specific type of lift truck used by the trainee(s). Discussions will be centered around the manufacture's recommendations for lift truck operations; minimizing the risks of personal injury and/or damage to materials and handling devices.

### Choice of training venues:

- OFF-SITE—Northeastern State University (extended learning) provides training facility
- **OFF-SITE—**Hotel conference room
- **ON-SITE** —Organization provides training facility

## **Training includes:**

- Classroom instruction (and exam) with supplied trainee workbook
- Hands-on evaluation
- Certificate of Completion (including wallet card)





#### About the Instructor

Since 1973, Bruce Richardson has worked for (4) international organizations, providing equipment training and safety coaching to employees, temporary workers, vendors, and customers. In 2003 he was certified on lift trucks for the General Industry and in 2009 became a certified trainer for lift truck operators.

In 2018 Bruce established **Enterprise Training and Consulting, LLC** in order to promote safer working behaviours for lift truck operators and to

help managers of small businesses reduce the risk of personal injuries and damages to materials and handling devices. Bruce also provides two other training programs:

- **Trainer (Train-the-Trainer)** allowing organizations to provide their own in-house operator training. Resources provide individuals with the background necessary to instruct beginner and experienced workers on the safe operation of lift trucks, in the General Industry.
- **Safety Administrator** using OSHA's <u>"Small Business Handbook"</u> to assist owners, proprietors, and managers of small businesses on what they need-to-know to successfully coach operators and workers on unsafe behaviours, as well as identify workplace hazards.