



JOB AID HAZARD AWARENESS INFO

HAND PALLET TRUCKS AND PUMP TRUCKS

The pallet truck is a common and useful tool found in many industries. It is used for movement of materials both large and small, typically stored or delivered on pallets. A well-maintained pallet truck can provide a simple and cost effective means to move materials.

Hazards Involved/Arise

- Impact with people or objects from speed, poor visibility, poor judgement, poor equipment condition
- Tipping from unstable loads, too heavy load, speed, poor judgement, ramps and inclines
- Falls between objects from improper loading /unloading from dock to truck (wheels not chocked, etc.)
- Unauthorized use and/or boisterous behaviour.
- Use of indoor rated equipment outdoors and vice versa
- Impacts from objects falling from racks
- Debris on floor



People Affected

- Workers
- Maintenance
- Supervisors
- Contractors
- Visitors/Pedestrians

Existing Controls

- Training and instruction for operators and supervisors
- Operational procedures to work safely, such as pedestrian traffic programs, signallers, etc.
- Maintenance program
- Adequate space allowances for safe turning and/or backing up, etc.
- Workplace inspection program to flag unsafe equipment, acts or conditions
- Tidy work area
- Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Protect structures such as racking guards for impact

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