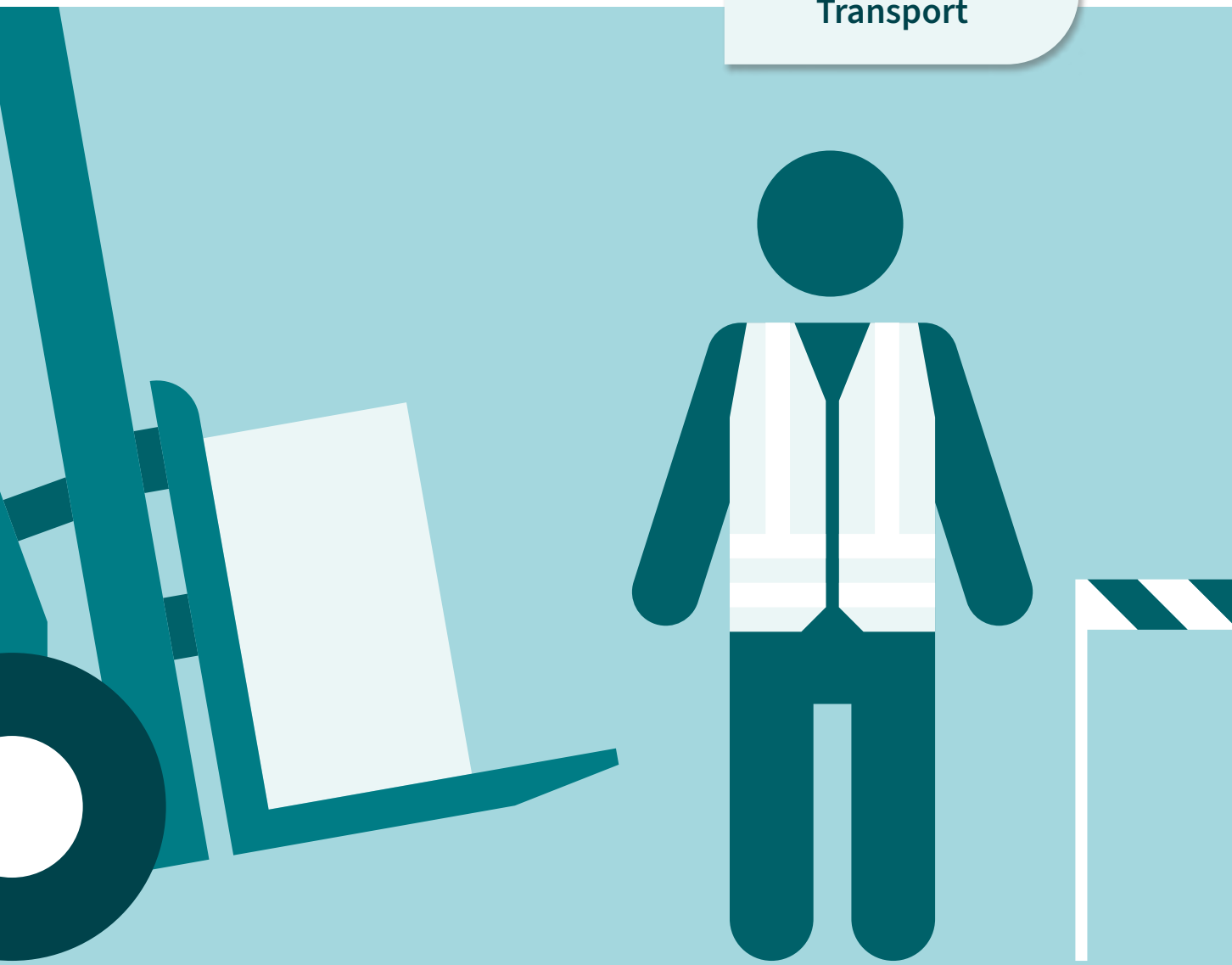
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Clear visibility, unobstructed paths: how to effectively prevent collisions in the workplace

Statistics show that bystanders and pedestrians are frequently struck by forklift trucks in the workplace, often resulting in serious injuries. Many of these accidents can be prevented. This requires clear rules of conduct as well as mutual consideration between pedestrians and operators of powered industrial trucks.

What are the typical hazards?

The following situations are particularly high-risk:

- Working in areas with restricted visibility
- Walking past manoeuvring forklifts while items are being placed into or retrieved from racking
- Walking past manoeuvring forklifts during vehicle loading or unloading operations
- Be extra careful on traffic routes!
- Forklift truck operators often have restricted visibility. Blind spots are a common cause of accidents, especially when reversing.
- Relying on hearing alone is extremely risky. Electric forklift trucks are relatively quiet, even at high speed, and are virtually impossible to hear in a production hall.
- Never underestimate the stopping distance of a forklift truck. At 20 km/h, a truck travels 6 metres just during the operator's initial reaction time.
- When stacking or loading, operators are focused on the load and can easily miss pedestrians.

Never cross traffic routes in poor-visibility areas without making eye contact.



Pay particular attention at junctions.



Avoid stepping out suddenly in front of vehicles at blind corners!

Ways to protect yourself

- Before stepping onto a traffic route, make sure no vehicle is approaching. Do not rely on hearing alone!
- Always use the visibility aids provided, such as mirrors.
- Never walk behind a manoeuvring forklift truck! Always remember that the operator's attention is on the task at hand.
- Use designated pedestrian walkways wherever available. Walkways should always provide clear lines of sight, free from obstructions.
- Observe access restrictions and the requirement to wear high-visibility vests in particularly hazardous areas, such as warehouses or loading bays.
- Use physical safety barriers if a work area extends into a traffic route, especially in poor-visibility zones like corners, bends, and junctions.



Enhanced safety: flat and convex mirrors reduce blind spots.



Safety through separation: barriers keep vehicle routes and walkways apart.



A site-wide requirement to wear high-visibility vests significantly reduces the risk of accidents in areas with restricted visibility.

Know your signs



Use marked walkway



No access for industrial vehicles



No access for pedestrians



Caution: forklifts operating

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