

WHY FORKLIFT SAFETY MATTERS IN BREWERIES

- ▶ Mixed traffic in tight spaces (production, packaging, tours).
- ▶ Wet floors/hoses reduce tracking and braking.
- ▶ Unstable loads (kegs, barrels, cylinders) + low clearances.



OPERATOR & DAILY READINESS



- ▶ Train/evaluate to site conditions (recert every 3 years and/or after facility changes).
- ▶ Pre-shift inspection; tag out if defective.
- ▶ Seatbelt, no riders, control speed, use horn at intersections and blind spots.
- ▶ Don't exceed rated capacity.

PEDESTRIAN & TRAFFIC CONTROLS



- ▶ Mark walkways/one-way aisles; set speed limits.
- ▶ Mirrors, lights, spotters; no phones in work areas.
- ▶ Secure docks; separate or pause tours/ taproom traffic.

LOAD, STORAGE & ENERGY SAFETY

- ▶ Kegs: racks/chocks/wrap; forks low; mast back when traveling.
- ▶ Ramps/coolers: go slow, load upgrade; watch condensation/ice.
- ▶ Ventilated battery/LP areas; respond to CO2 alarms before resuming.





OCBA SAFETY COMMITTEE

Health & Safety Resources are available at:

- [OCBA Safety](#)
- [Rubicon EHS - Services for Breweries](#)
- [Ohio BWC Consultation Program](#)

Submit questions to the OCBA Safety Committee:

- ohiocraftbeer.org/safetyquestions/

Golden Hard Hat Applications can be emailed to Justin Hemminger:

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