



# Manual Pallet Truck Training

## REALLY?

You've heard the saying, "common sense sometimes isn't so common"? Well, with a fairly basic piece of equipment, like the pallet jack, it's worse!

Untrained people assume they know how it works and fail to understand the potential dangers when handling loads of 5,000 lbs. - not including the weight of the pallet truck at 200 plus pounds.

As an Example - Ask your staff what direction they should travel down an incline and how to stop the pallet truck and load in the event an emergency stop is required. Hint - Loads face downhill always! Emergency stop procedure is "lower the load".

Just consider this – Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) reports that from 2002 - 2016 a total of 56 major injuries occurred involving pallet trucks. (\*)

These included:

- 25 fractures
- Four fatalities
- Eight amputations

## How safe are your employees? Do they ALL know how to handle this "simple" piece of equipment?

Management/Employers often overlook the need to have this equipment included in the annual lifting device inspection routine. The manual pallet truck is not a part of the CSA B335-15 standard, but don't for a second believe that it's not a lifting device.

Include manual pallet trucks in your training and ensure annual inspections are kept up to date.

## Protect your Employees! Protect their Futures!

\* <http://blog.lantech.com/blog/pallet-jack-safety-fails-a-serious-problem>



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