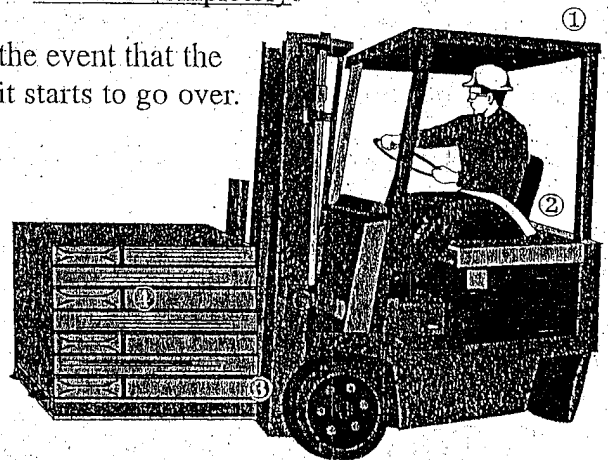




## Forklifts

- ☛ Jobsite forklifts are usually telescoping beam and overhead carriage types.
    - These forklifts are made for rough terrain.
    - The high-lift capacity can make the equipment unstable, especially on uneven ground.
    - Only trained and authorized workers may operate forklifts.
  - ☛ Roofing contractors regularly use forklifts in the warehouse and the yard.
    - Rough terrain models have suspension systems and pneumatic tires, which makes them an excellent choice for using outdoors on uneven ground.
    - Indoor models usually don't have suspension and have they tend to have solid rubber tires. These models shouldn't be used on rough terrain because it's hard on the equipment and they can overturn easily.
  - ☛ All forklifts should be equipped with general safety mechanisms, and there are some simple operating procedures to follow as well.
    - Never ride on, or allow anyone else to ride on, the forks or anywhere where there isn't a seat provided.
    - Be aware of overhead structures and electrical lines.
    - Inspect your forklift and make sure the backup signals, horns, and lights are working before you operate it.
    - Do not place arms or legs between the mast and the forklift.
    - All operators must receive training and be authorized before operating a forklift.
    - When the forklift is not in operation, the forks must be lowered completely.
- ① The rollover protection is designed to protect you in the event that the forklift turns over. Do not jump from the machine if it starts to go over.
  - ② If equipped, the seat belt will keep you from falling out if the forklift runs into something or turns over.
  - ③ Travel with loads as low as possible because the higher the load the greater the tendency of the forklift to overturn. Never leave the forklift unattended when the load is elevated.
  - ④ Only handle stable or safely arranged loads.



### Forklifts Training Tips

- Show the various components of the forklift, such as, the horn, lights, and load charts. Make it a point that these items need to be inspected daily along with other items required by the manufacturer.
- Ask the following question:
  - Why is it not a good idea to allow people to ride on the forks?