



## IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR FORKLIFT OPERATORS: Work Health and Safety Forklift Operators Prosecuted

The safe operation of forklifts at Sydney Markets is one of the highest priorities for SML.

SML is continuing to work with SafeWork NSW on the ongoing project to improve health and safety within the Sydney Markets site, especially relating to traffic management.

For quite some time, SML Market Officers have attempted to remind/advise operators wherever possible of some of the safe practices they should follow whilst operating a forklift. The majority of operators do follow safe practices however some operators continue to take unnecessary risks and short cuts.

In the past, forklift operators believed that they would be protected as either their employer/tenant or SML would be the one to bear the consequences where there was a safety breach or collision with pedestrians or other forklifts. Past events clearly show that **safety is everyone's responsibility** and that **operators can and have been subject to individual penalties**.

In 2016, two individual forklift operators were found guilty of breaching the law when they caused injuries to two pedestrians on the Sydney Markets site.

- **In April 2015, a shopkeeper was injured when he was struck by a forklift whilst using a pedestrian access way. In August 2016, the individual forklift operator was convicted and fined \$5,000.**
- **In April 2015, a worker was also injured when he was struck by a forklift. In November 2016, the individual forklift operator was fined \$4,500.**

Forklift operators are reminded that if they are convicted of breaching the Work Health and Safety legislation, as well as being fined for the breach, they may be ordered to pay court costs, which can amount to thousands of dollars.

A revised copy of the points provided as part of SML's forklift Safety Awareness are included on the back of this flyer to assist forklift operators.

Should tenants or forklift operators require any further information about this flyer, please do not hesitate to contact SML's Work Health and Safety Manager, John Pascucci, on 0417 325 171.

*Note: All unsafe work practices need to be reported to an SML Market Officer or by calling the 24 hour SML contact number 0409 325 232 or the WHS Manager on 0417 325 171.*

### **BRIAN BIGELOW**

Head of Operations

3 April 2017

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如果您無法讀取該傳單，請立即通知您的僱主或Sydney Markets Ltd (SML) 員工并要求傳譯服務。  
إذا كنت لا تستطيع قراءة هذا المنشور يرجى إبلاغ صاحب العمل أو الاتصال  
بموظف السوق (SML) لتوفير ترجمة.  
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# FORKLIFT SAFETY NOTICE

Market businesses are required to inform their forklift drivers of the following information (additional information can be accessed on the Sydney Markets website [www.sydneymarkets.com.au](http://www.sydneymarkets.com.au)):-

- It is compulsory to wear a seat belt. Comply Notices will be issued for non-compliance. Forklifts without seatbelts cannot be used until a seatbelt is fitted. **SEAT BELTS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES even only travelling a short distance.**
- Directional signage and other road signage MUST be followed.
- Speed limits are enforceable (10kph under canopies, 20kph in open areas, and 5kph on the forklift bridge).
- Forklifts should be governed to no more than 20kph. Forklift governors are randomly checked by SML staff to ensure they have not been tampered with (where possible).
- Pedestrian Safety – be aware of pedestrian crossings and access ways and keep a safe distance from pedestrians in general.
- Forklift drivers must have a current full RMS Driver Licence and HRW (High Risk Work) Licence from SafeWork NSW to drive on roads within the Market site. **These must be carried by drivers at all times. Operators must advise SafeWork NSW of any change of address 13 10 50.**
- When operating a forklift on site you are not permitted to carry more than 15 empty pallets (**provided that the forklift is fitted with a suitable load guard**) or to push empty pallets or pallets of produce along the ground.
- Forklift drivers must only carry pallets no higher than the back rest fitted to the forklift.
- **Do not lift or carry a load that extends above the load guard unless no part of the load can possibly slide back toward the operator. (The load must be secured).**
- Defective forklifts are to be reported to the business owner (principal). **Forklifts must be properly maintained.**
- Forklift operators are not permitted to carry passengers on forklifts.
- Travel in a forward direction when not carrying a load. Only travel in reverse whilst carrying a load that would obstruct your vision if travelling forward.
- Forklift lights must be turned on when operating at night.
- No mobile phones or two way radio devices to be used while operating forklifts.
- Do not operate any vehicle when under the influence of drugs (which may include some prescription drugs) or alcohol.
- RMS Road Rules must be adhered to at all times and as such, the roundabout at Austin Avenue is to be used as per RMS Road Rules
- No person is to travel or be lifted on the tines of a forklift and do not drive with tines raised too high.
- Do not carry items on the forklifts other than what the forklift is designed to carry on pallets.
- Forklift drivers **must not** smoke, eat, drink, or use listening devices (e.g. iPods, mobile phones) whilst operating a forklift.
- Do not leave forklifts unattended whilst the forklift is still running.
- Do not leave the keys in the ignition of the forklift whilst the forklift is unattended.
- No pushing or pulling of other vehicles (including deliberately colliding with other forklifts), whilst operating a forklift.
- No 'hooning' or overtaking whilst operating a forklift and do not cut corners.

**IT IS IN EVERYBODY'S SAFETY INTEREST TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE OF THE ABOVE**  
***Slow Down, Buckle Up and Stay Safe***

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