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**Powered Industrial Truck (PIT)Program**

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**Who and what does this program apply to?**

* University employees who operate a powered industrial truck.
* Mobile, power-propelled trucks used to carry, push, pull, lift, stack, or tier materials including forklifts, narrow aisle trucks, and hand trucks.
* This program does not apply to the following types of machinery: farm vehicles and vehicles intended primarily for earth moving or over-the-road hauling, Segways, golf carts, Gators, quads, and other similar types of rough terrain vehicles.

**What are the key requirements of this program?**

* Supervisors must:
	+ Be thoroughly informed of the contents of this program and how it relates to their areas of responsibility and authority.
	+ Ensure employee compliance with all provisions of the PIT program.
	+ Ensure that their employees receive PIT training when required.
	+ Ensure employees are provided with and use appropriate personal protective equipment.
* Employees must:
	+ Comply with all provisions of the PIT program, including attending required training sessions and conducting pre-use equipment inspections.
	+ Promptly report any safety concerns related to PITs to their immediate supervisor.
* Training Requirements:
	+ Certification of PIT operators at PSU is a three-step process consisting of classroom instruction, hands-on training and hands-on evaluation.
	+ Employees must receive training and pass an evaluation of their driving skills before being allowed to operate a PIT independently.
	+ Documented reevaluation of each PIT operator will be completed at least once every three years.
	+ Retraining is required whenever:
	+ The operator has been observed to be using PIT in an unsafe manner.
	+ The operator has been involved in an accident or a near-miss incident.
	+ The operator has received an evaluation that reveals the operator is not using the PIT safely.
	+ The operator is assigned to operate a different type of equipment.
	+ A condition in the workplace changes in a manner that could affect safe operation of the equipment.
* Inspection Requirements:
	+ Pre-Use: Before use each day or at the beginning of each shift, the PIT shall be given a visual inspection and functional test by the operator.
	+ Annual: An annual inspection is required and must be conducted by an authorized person qualified as a mechanic on the PIT.
* Recordkeeping Requirements:
	+ Work units must maintain records of all PIT training, pre-use inspections, annual equipment inspections and repair records.

**For additional information:**

* Penn State Powered Industrial Truck Program

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* OSHA Regulations <http://www.osha.gov/>
* 29 CFR 1910.178 – Powered Industrial Trucks
* ANSI B56 Standards – Safety Standard for Low Lift and High Lift Trucks