

# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SAFETY?

Do you know the basics of **warehouse safety**? Test your knowledge and see how your perceptions **stack up** against the experts. Use this as a learning tool to improve your safety performance on the job!

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| T | F | 1. You should drive forklifts backward down a decline if possible to reduce the chances of a load slipping and falling.         |
| T | F | 2. As long as you are careful, it is okay to stand between a dock and a trailer.                                                |
| T | F | 3. Cuts, bruises, pinch-point injuries, scalds and burns are all injuries you could receive from a conveyor belt.               |
| T | F | 4. Warehousing is a dangerous industry because the large amount of bulk material being stored could easily ignite.              |
| T | F | 5. The best ergonomic practice for warehouses is to lift items only when necessary.                                             |
| T | F | 6. If the personal protective equipment (PPE) your employer provides for you is uncomfortable, it is OK not to wear it.         |
| T | F | 7. Smoking and horseplay are allowed in the warehouse if they are done in an open area away from materials, debris and clutter. |
| T | F | 8. When handling materials, you should always place heavier loads on lower or middle shelves.                                   |

9. Which of the following is NOT a hazard in the warehouse?
- a) Hazardous materials
  - b) Powered industrial trucks
  - c) Conveyor belts
  - d) Sloppy housekeeping
  - e) ALL OF THE ABOVE are warehouse workplace hazards

10. When working at the loading dock it is a good idea to:
- a) Jump down from docks to reach the ground.
  - b) Load and unload in slippery or wet conditions.
  - c) Ignore paint or tape markings indicating aisles and loading lanes when necessary.
  - d) Pile pallets, containers and trash in designated, specific areas.
  - e) It is never a good idea to do ANY of these things.
11. The most common on-the-job injuries among warehouse workers are:
- a) Scalds and burns from conveyor belt parts and hazardous materials.
  - b) Pinch-point injuries from conveyor belts and poor materials handling.
  - c) Breaks and fractures from slips and falls.
  - d) Sprains and strains from poor ergonomics.
  - e) Concussions and other head injuries from falling debris.
12. Injuries in the warehouse are:
- a) Uncommon.
  - b) Usually fatal.
  - c) Preventable.
  - d) Both a) and b)
  - e) Both b) and c)
13. When refueling or charging a powered industrial truck, such as a forklift:
- a) Turn off the vehicle and remove the key.
  - b) PPE is not necessary.
  - c) Find a supervisor to clean up any battery acid spills.
  - d) You do not need to worry about propane leaks.
  - e) It is OK to smoke because you are away from the stacks of pallets.
14. List two unacceptable behaviors and two safe practices for the warehouse:
15. List three things you could be doing better to make safer for you and your co-workers:

## **ANSWER KEY: Warehouse Safety Basics Quiz**

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. False
7. False
8. True
9. e) ALL OF THE ABOVE are warehouse workplace hazards
10. d) Pile pallets, containers and trash in designated, specific areas.
11. d) Sprains and strains from poor ergonomics.
12. c) Preventable.
13. a) Turn off the vehicle and remove the key.
14. and 15. At your discretion – there are many examples of both unacceptable behaviors and safe practices.