

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER & BUSINESS SERVICES**  
**Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Division**

**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** April 3, 2000

**To:** All OR-OSHA

**From:** Marilyn Schuster, Manager Standards & Technical Resources

**Subject:** Pre-Shift Industrial Truck Inspections

The rule requiring pre-shift inspections of industrial trucks is not specific in what should be inspected, only that the vehicle be inspected.

Rule 1910.178(q)(7) requires that industrial trucks be examined before being placed in service, and that such examination must be made for each shift that the vehicle is operated. Defects affecting safety must be corrected when the operator or vehicle inspector becomes aware of them. Vehicle inspectors may be the operator or a designated person with the skills and training to perform the task.

At a minimum, before start up the operator or inspector should do a vehicle walk-around including a visual examination of tires and wheels, hoist chains, data plate and the general overall condition of the vehicle.

After startup the operator should check the steering, service brake, park brake and hydraulic controls for proper function.