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August 5 CONN-OSHA Seminar Addresses Powered Industrial (Fork) Truck Operation

WETHERSFIELD, July 14, 2015 – Driving a powered industrial truck isn't as simple as climbing in behind the wheel, turning the key and shifting the vehicle into gear.

Operators of these "fork trucks," as they are commonly known, have to meet the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Powered Industrial Truck Standard - which includes formal instruction - possess practical training, and be periodically graded by certified trainers who can evaluate their performance.

Operators of powered industrial trucks will be able to make sure they have addressed every detail of their training by attending a "Powered Industrial Truck (Fork Truck)" seminar scheduled for August 5 which is sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA).

The session will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the agency's Central Office, located at 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield.

"There are always hazards associated with operating any type of equipment," explains John Able, CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist, who is coordinating the program. "So, it's best to be aware of the latest training information and know all the requirements, including any updates or new information as it may pertain to your health and safety while you are operating this type of vehicle."

Admission to the seminar is free, but pre-registration is required. Please contact John Able at able.john@dol.gov. or call him at (860) 263-6902 to register for this event or for additional information.

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