Forklift Basics: Part 1

1. The most frequent type of forklift accident that results in serious injury is the “tipover” accident, which can sometimes crush the operator.

   (X) True  ( ) False

2. You should always wear your seatbelt while operating the forklift.

   (X) True  ( ) False

3. How often should forklift preoperational inspections be conducted? Choose the best answer.

   (X) Before each shift
   ( ) Weekly
   ( ) Monthly
   ( ) Annually by OSHA

4. If you are on a medication that advises you not to operate heavy machinery, you should ask your supervisor to assign you to a non-forklift position.

   (X) True  ( ) False

5. It is acceptable to smoke cigarettes while changing propane tanks.

   ( ) True  (X) False

6. According to OSHA’s forklift training standard, which of the following training components are required for each forklift operator? Choose the best answer.

   ( ) Classroom training topics (lecture, video, computer-based training)
   ( ) Hands-on training with an experienced operator
   ( ) An evaluation by an experienced operator
   (X) All of the above

7. When you get on or off a forklift, you should maintain ___ points of contact between you and the unit to help prevent falls.

   ( ) One
   ( ) Two
   (X) Three

8. If you are observed operating a forklift in an unsafe manner, or if you have been involved in an accident or “near miss,” you may be required to receive additional forklift safety training.

   (X) True  ( ) False
9. If you are trained on one type of forklift, you are automatically considered certified to operate all types of forklifts.

( ) True  (X) False

10. If your organization doesn’t have a standard preoperational inspection checklist, you can find one in the operator’s manual

(X) True  ( ) False