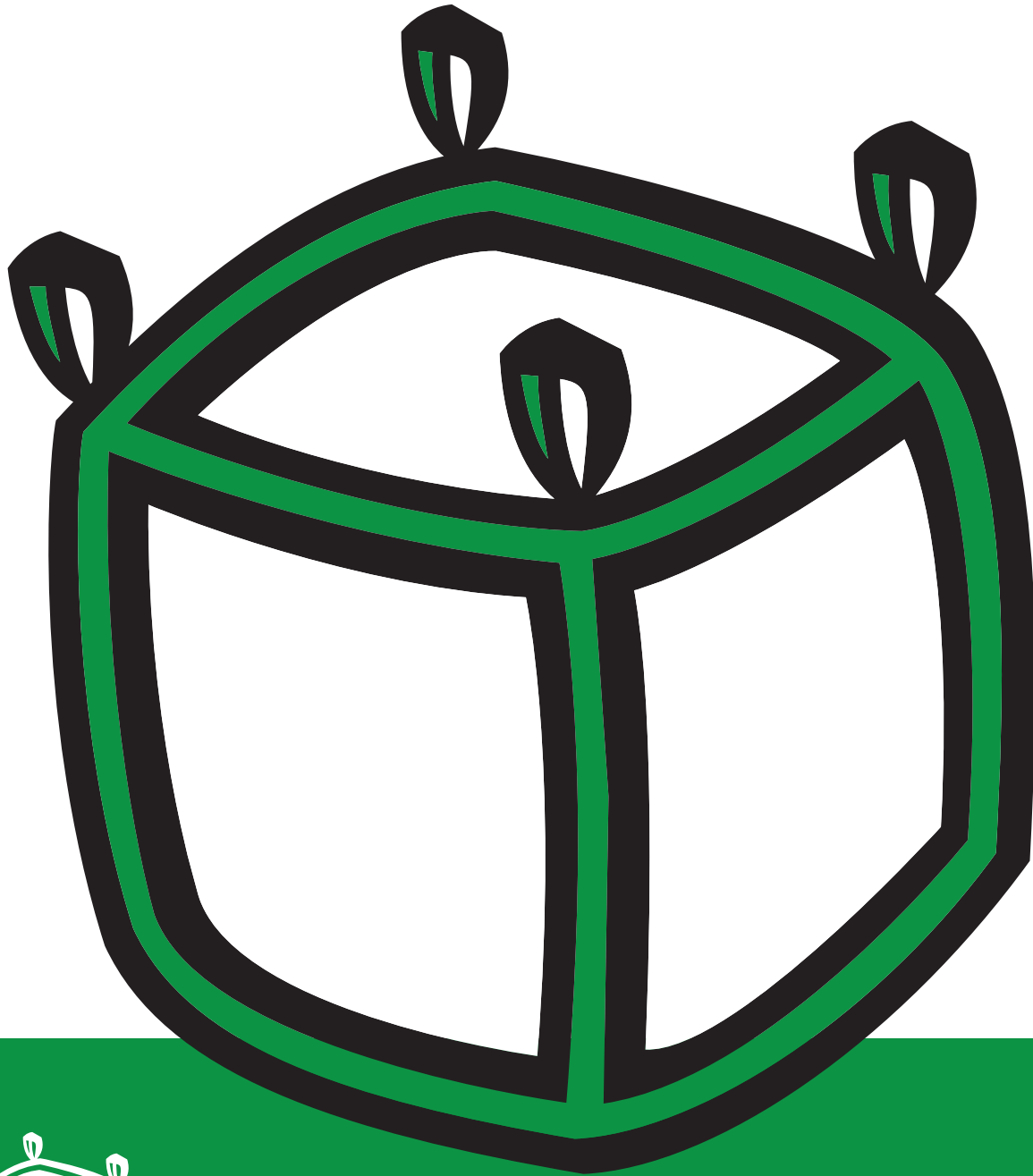


# FIBC Handling Guidelines

## Part 4: Handling FIBCs with Fork-Lift Trucks



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# Handling FIBCs with Fork-Lift Trucks

When handling FIBCs with fork-lift trucks, it is important to review the suggested guidelines below, along with any other safe handling guidelines specific to your product and facility.

## WHEN USING A FORK-LIFT TRUCK ALWAYS ENSURE...

The FIBC is free from any damage that would compromise its strength.

You use a fork-lift truck with a rated capacity sufficient to support the filled FIBC.

The fork-lift tines used for lifting are free from sharp edges or protrusions. Tines must be of adequate size with edges rounded to at least the thickness of the lift loops, sleeves, etc. used to support the FIBC. The radius must be a minimum of 5 mm.

The distance between the fork-lift tines is adjusted to the correct width for the FIBC being handled.

Any devices used to handle FIBCs are designed for FIBCs and adhere to approved handling methods.

All lift loops or sleeves are vertical to prevent damaging lateral forces.

A FIBC is suspended per the manufacturer's instructions and using all lift loops, sleeves, etc provided.

A FIBC is raised and lowered smoothly.

You hold the FIBC close to the mast, as low as possible with the mast tilted back to an appropriate angle.

The FIBC is clear of the floor and not in contact with the wheels of the fork-lift.

That any pallets used for handling are of appropriate size and the FIBC does not overhang the side.

That you have a clear line of site before moving a FIBC with a fork truck.

Stop the fork-lift before raising or lowering the FIBC.

All personnel are clear of the area before lifting or handling a FIBC.

You adhere to the FIBC manufacturer's recommendations and any information printed on the label or FIBC.

You adhere to all applicable regulatory and safety requirements.



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## IMPORTANT NOTE!

**It is a violation of U.S. Federal law for anyone UNDER 18 years of age to operate a forklift or for anyone OVER 18 years of age who is not properly trained and certified to do so.**

Visit the Occupational Safety & Health Administration website at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov) for details.

## **WARNING**

### WHEN USING A FORK-LIFT TRUCK

Never exceed the rated lifting capacity of the fork-lift truck.

Never handle FIBCs with a device not designed for FIBCs.

Never lift a FIBC if the lift loops, sleeves, etc. are not vertical.

Never suspend a FIBC using fewer lift loops, sleeves, etc than have been provided.

Never subject a FIBC to sudden lifts or sudden stops.

Never tilt the mast of a fork-lift truck forward when handling a FIBC.

Never move the FIBC if your line of sight is blocked.

Never drag, push or move a FIBC by the lift loops when the FIBC is touching the ground.

Never allow the FIBC to come in contact with the wheels or body of the fork-lift truck.

Never withdraw the fork-lift tines without removing all of the load from the loops or sleeves.

Never raise or lower the FIBC when the fork-lift truck is in motion.

Never allow personnel under a suspended FIBC.

Never allow personnel to place an arm or other appendage under a suspended FIBC.

Never handle a FIBC in a manner not specifically approved by the FIBC manufacturer.



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