



SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR FORKLIFT PLATFORMS **(SAFETY CAGE)**

AS PER WORKSAFE GUIDELINES FOR WORKING AT HEIGHT,

<https://worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/working-at-height/working-at-height-in-nz/>

Work platforms may be constructed to be raised or lowered using a forklift and these should be used in accordance with the Approved Code of Practice for Training Operators and Instructors of Powered Industrial Lift Trucks (Forklifts) – Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Non-integrated work platforms should be designed for the specific model of forklift truck.

Forklift work platforms should:

- be made in accordance with NZ/A Standard AS 2359.1 & have engineers certification plate fitted.
- be fitted with guardrails, mid rails and kickboards
- only have any gates that open inwards and that are installed with a spring loaded latch
- have a two-metre-high guard that is sufficiently wide to prevent any contact with the lifting mechanism fitted to the back of the platform
- be operated with the tilt lever on the forklift controls locked out or made inoperable;
 - alternatively, a fall-restraint system comprising a full harness and short lanyard, allowing free movement only within the platform confines, shall be used
- have operating instructions available
- have the safe working load displayed in a prominent position
- have the platform secured to the forks in such a way that it cannot tilt, slide or be displaced
- only be used by a competent forklift operator
- only be used while an operator is at the controls of the forklift or there is an independent means of access to and egress from the platform.

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