

Child Safety – Forklifts and Telehandlers

Forklifts and telehandlers are high-risk machinery that children should have no involvement with until they are at least 18 years of age.

In Victoria, to be able to operate a forklift (applies nationally) or a telehandler. Employers are required to ensure that operators hold a High-Risk Work (HRW) Licence.

HRW Licences are photo ID licenses which are valid for five years. The licenses are issued by WorkSafe Victoria after a person completes training with a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and then submits an application to WorkSafe to be issued a license.

Forklifts and telehandlers are high risk load shifting pieces of equipment and often operate in areas where other workers are present.

Competencies and skills are necessary to ensure that these items of plant are operated in a safe manner.

A person cannot obtain a HRW license in Victoria until they are at least 18 years of age.

Eliminate the risk

Do not let working children operate a forklift or a telehandler on your farm.

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