

## Alberta Telehandler Certification

Telehandler Certification Alberta - Telehandler certification programs are both for operators who have some experience driving a typical forklift and for individuals with no experience. The real-world training provided by these courses produces graduates who know the right and safe use of these types of equipment.

Telehandler certification courses can be finished at a third party location or at the trainees work site. In order to obtain the formal training at a specific training facility, the manufacturer could work out a licensing agreement in order to bring other people to a training facility. This option offers those training with the opportunity to learn to utilize the equipment in a controlled environment. When finished, those who participated receive a license or certification to utilize this type of machine.

With the latter alternative, a skilled instructor is sent to a work place to provide on-location training. This option ensures that the one training is instructed on actual machine which will be utilized on the job, and prepares the trainee for the demands of that particular environment. Trainees learn about potentially dangerous situations which can arise on the actual work location. The instruction focuses on whichever conditions that are specific to the work location, allowing operators to be prepared to handle these elements more safely.

"Telehandler" is an abbreviated version of the term "telescopic handler," that references the equipment's extending or telescoping arm supporting a fork. The characteristics and controls of the telehandler are quite similar to a forklift. A telehandler has the capability of lifting and transporting loads up and away from the vehicle. Wrong utilization of telehandlers can cause serious accidents. If load limitations are exceeded, the equipment could tip due to excess weight on the lift. It is an operator's task to know load restrictions and to safely utilize these equipment.

Telehandler programs designed for operators who are already certified to utilize a forklift are called "conversion" classes. These classes teach the differences between telehandlers and forklifts, and prevent repeating information which forklift operators already know. For trainees who have no prior experience utilizing telehandler machines, training covers the basic use and operation of the machine. Some groups offer refresher programs also.