

Safely Operating and Working Around Cargo Handling Equipment in Marine Terminals

Operating and working around cargo handling equipment, such as forklifts, semi-tractors, pickup trucks, cranes, and other mobile equipment in marine terminals can expose workers to injury or death. It is the employer's responsibility to ensure the safety of workers. To prevent possible injury or death, employers should hold frequent toolbox safety talks.

Employers should ensure that equipment operators are aware of:

- Pedestrian crossings and foot traffic
- Signal persons, workers under the hook, clerks, and other employees working near the equipment
- Vehicle traffic in the yard
- Speed and traffic regulations
- Rail crossings
- Blind corners
- Chassis extending beyond designated parking areas
- Transtainer, crane, and traffic lanes
- Loads passing overhead (containers, hatch covers, etc.)
- Crane movement during hoisting operations

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Employers should ensure that signal persons, checkers, clerks, and other personnel working on the ground are aware of the following:

- All equipment operating in their work area
- Outside trucker traffic
- Containers passing overhead

Remember:

- All workers should maintain eye contact with equipment operators when working near cargo handling equipment.
- Foremen and supervisors should maintain radio contact with equipment operators.
- Maintain a focus on safety.



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