

Port of Virginia Health and Safety Rules - Terminal Patrons



1	Vehicles, equipment, and pedestrians must follow established traffic patterns and signage.
2	The speed limit is 20 mph, unless posted otherwise.
3	The use of a cell phone or personal electronic device, as well as wearing a headset, blue-tooth or ear buds is prohibited while OPERATING a MOVING vehicle/equipment OR while OPERATING controls such as hoisting a spreader bar OR while on foot within 50 feet of active cargo operations.
4	Seatbelt use is mandatory in a MOVING vehicle or equipment, to include the shoulder harness if equipped, as designed.
5	An ANSI-2 vest/shirt that is YELLOW-GREEN or ORANGE and safety shoes must be worn, as designed, when outside on POV property, except in personal vehicle parking areas or when in/on a piece of equipment. This also applies on vessels, in warehouses, and in parts rooms. Suspenders do not meet this requirement. Terminal maintenance employees wear the authorized uniform. Motor carriers must wear closed-toe shoes. Eye and hand protection is required when exposed to or using a power saw, nail gun, chain cutter, grinder, or drill. Chainsaw use requires safety glasses plus full face protection with helmet, chaps, and leather gloves. Servicing open vehicle batteries requires safety glasses plus full face protection, apron, and gloves.
6	Hard hats that are OSHA compliant must be worn when exposed to a vertical hazard such as under a crane, on vessels, or in a transfer zone. Hard hats are also required for line-handler and land-bridge duties or within 50 feet of operating cargo handling equipment or heavy equipment.
7	Any action that has the potential to adversely impact the health or hygiene of employees, is prohibited. Feeding or leaving food for animals is prohibited.
8	Littering is prohibited. This includes throwing trash on the ground or in work vehicles/equipment.
9	Smoking/Vaping/E-Cigarette use is prohibited within 50 feet of cargo containers, on vessels, in work vehicles/equipment, inside buildings, or inside work booths.
10	Passing a MOVING vehicle/equipment is prohibited, unless road markings permit passing.
11	Driving or walking behind a vehicle/equipment that is moving in reverse, within 50 feet, is prohibited. When pedestrians are walking/working in an area exposed to vehicle traffic, they must be protected with cones, barriers, or painted safety lanes.
12	In Out-of-Gauge Cargo Areas, motor carriers must remain in their truck OR be standing next to the groundman OR be greater than 50 feet from MOVING container handling equipment.
13	Headlights must be used by MOVING vehicles/equipment between sunset and sunrise.
14	Driving under idle Ship-to-Shore cranes, as a matter of CONVENIENCE , is prohibited. Vehicle/equipment operators may drive or park under idle cranes to perform their job.
15	Vehicles, equipment, cargo, gensets, and chassis must be parked in a marked location OR when in an area without marked locations, in a manner that does NOT create a HAZARD . Parking in a handicapped space without authorization or parking/driving on the grass are included in this category.
16	Personal vehicles are prohibited from entering areas in which cargo handling equipment operates, such as transfer zones, container stacks, rail yards, docks, piers, and out-of-gauge cargo areas. Company vehicles must have a placard on the driver and passenger side doors.
17	Equipment and vehicle operators must come to a complete STOP and then yield the right of way when departing container stacks or roadways, onto the berth highway.
18	When driving behind a Shuttle Truck or Forklift, do not follow closer than 50 feet.

19	Cargo handling equipment may only be operated on Port of Virginia property by employees who hold a current Port of Virginia/HRSA certification.
20	A maximum of 3 vehicles/equipment may be parked on a crane leg AND be no wider than 3 vehicle widths from the hatch cover space AND remain behind the crane track yellow line AND move with the crane, within approximately two minutes. When a crane is down for maintenance or prior to operations, there is no restriction on the number of vehicles.
21	Vehicles, equipment, and cargo may not be parked on the crane tracks. Exception: Foreman and Checker Vehicles may park on the off-shore crane track at least 10 feet from the crane, if there is space available between cranes. Do not park with tires resting on the rubber panzer belt.
22	Vehicles and Equipment must stop when directed by Slingers.
23	Driving vehicles or equipment requires UNOBSTRUCTED visibility or a spotter. Forklifts may only carry a pin bin in the one-high position and when on the dock must have an elevated flag. When an operator is not at the controls of a vehicle/equipment, the parking brake must be activated.
24	Sitting or leaning on a pin bin or platform that is in an active crane lane, is prohibited.
25	Vehicle and equipment operators may not proceed within 50 feet of line-handlers that are securing or un-securing a vessel.
26	On Port of Virginia property, working above four feet requires fall protection gear, unless protected by railings. On vessels, working above eight feet requires fall protection gear, unless protected by railings. When in the basket of an aerial boom lift, employees require fall protection anytime the lift is moving OR the basket is above 4 feet. The use of a scissor lift or forklift man-basket does not require fall protection when inside the basket.
27	Hot work and Confined Space operations require a permit. Control of stored energy must be in conformance with OSHA Lock-out/Tag-out requirements. Equipment that is down for maintenance must be clearly marked and secured to prevent use.
28	When IN or NEAR vehicle traffic, workers elevated in an aerial lift or scissor lift must be protected with traffic cones or physical barriers. A vehicle escort is required when a lift is being moved.
29	Driving or walking through an operational area without the permission of the person controlling that operation, is prohibited. Moving a barrier that is intended to restrict access or entering an area/building that is marked as off limits, is prohibited.
30	Directing or supervising a Non-standard event or Management of Change action requires the completion of an NSEP/MOC plan.
31	Walking, standing, sitting or residing under a suspended load or in an area where the load may fall or roll, to include placing hands or feet under a suspended load, is prohibited. This includes containerized cargo, break-bulk freight, equipment, or any other load.
32	Ladder use must be in compliance with the ladder section of the POV Operational Standards. To shimmy along the side of a rail car is prohibited.
33	Container labeling must be in compliance with HAZCOM regulations. Improper disposal of solid waste, such as bulbs or batteries, is prohibited.
34	Petroleum spills and used absorbents must be removed on the same day as a spill and the floor of maintenance spaces must be free of excess oil at the end of the shift.
35	Any person with supervisory or management authority who directs an action that requires the violation of a TSEP rule or who tolerates non-conformance with a TSEP rule by an employee under their supervision, is subject to citation. H&S department approval is required prior to issuing this citation.

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