

VIRGINIA PORT AUTHORITY: TERMINAL SAFETY EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Pursuant to Va. Code § 62.1-132.11, “[t]he [Virginia Port] Authority is empowered to adopt and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing (i) the maximum and minimum speed limits of motor vehicles using Authority property, (ii) the kinds and sizes of vehicles which may be operated upon Authority property, (iii) materials which shall not be transported through or over Authority property, and (iv) other matters affecting the safety and security of Authority property. Such rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of law (i) after publication one time in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or county where the affected property is located, and (ii) when posted where the public using such property may conveniently see them. Violation of any rule or regulation which would have been a violation of law or ordinance if committed on a public street or highway shall be tried and punished as if it had been committed on a public street or highway. **Any other violation of such rules and regulations shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.**”

Please see below for the publication of such terminal safety rules and regulations governing use of Port of Virginia facilities pursuant to the requirements above:

1. Firearms and Other Dangerous Weapons, Drugs, and Alcohol are STRICTLY PROHIBITED on property owned, leased, or operated by the Virginia Port Authority or any of its subsidiaries.
2. Vehicles, equipment, and pedestrians must follow established traffic patterns and signage.
3. The speed limit is 20MPH, unless posted otherwise.
4. 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.
5. Seatbelt use is mandatory in a MOVING vehicle or equipment, to include the shoulder harness if equipped, as designed.
6. 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.
7. 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.
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. 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.
19. 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.
20. Vehicle and equipment operators may not proceed within 50 feet of line-handlers that are securing or un-securing a vessel.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. Once backed into a transfer zone lane and waiting, motor carriers may not leave their lane except to use the yellow driver assistance phone, speak with an exception clerk in the pickup truck, or use a porta-toilet. Headlights and taillights must be off. Ensure pins are unlocked for removal of container. Placing hands or feet under a suspended load/container for any reason, to include adjusting the length of a chassis, is prohibited.
24. Vehicles, equipment, cargo, gensets, and chassis must be parked in a marked location. In the GENSET mounting areas, during loading/unloading, motor carriers must remain in the booth with the sign that says, "Driver must stand here please."
25. At Pinners' Point Container Yard (PPCY), motor carriers must remain within the jersey walls on the paved surface. Traffic between the jersey walls is one-way, except for PPCY operations vehicles. While WAITING to be loaded/unloaded or while BEING loaded/unloaded, motor carriers must either remain in the cab OR next to the cab door on the same side as the Side-Loader. Standing next to chassis during loading is prohibited. Secure locking pins and inspect containers in an area protected from truck traffic. Driving or walking through container stacks is prohibited.
26. During terminal operating hours that require a reservation, motor carrier entry into the terminal OCR portals must occur within +/- 30 minutes of the reservation window. Waiting in front of the OCR portals or in the driver's assistance parking lot for a validated reservation entry time, is prohibited. If a "Turnaround - No Exit" ticket is issued, the motor carrier is required to follow the instructions. Departing without an EIR is prohibited. Motor carriers with four axles or more, departing NIT onto Hampton Blvd. southbound OR entering NIT from Hampton Blvd. northbound, before 6AM or after 4PM is prohibited.