

FOR THE SUPERVISOR

PURPOSE:

This brief is meant to be short and conversational – about 2–3 minutes total

BEFORE THE BRIEFING:

- Read through this page once or twice.
- Think about which critical risks your team may encounter today.
- Be ready to ask questions and listen.

DURING THE BRIEFING:

- Read or summarize the story below in your own words.
- Ask the discussion questions – let the crew talk.
- Keep it practical and focused on today's work.

Remember: a safety brief works best when it's a real conversation - not a box to check.

STORY TO SHARE

“INTRODUCING THE SEVEN CRITICAL RISKS”

The Seven Critical Risks didn't come from a boardroom or a checklist.

They came from real conversations - between POV leaders, ILA team members, and people who know the work firsthand.

Together, they looked at where the highest risks exist across the Port - the situations that have the greatest potential to seriously hurt someone or worse. From those discussions, these risks emerged. These seven risks represent the moments where one decision, one shortcut, or one distraction can change everything.

That's why we call them critical.

They're not meant to slow the work down - they're meant to help us recognize danger early, so we can make better choices, and get home safe at the end of the day.

So, here are the seven critical safety risks identified by The Port of Virginia:

- 1. FALLING FROM HEIGHTS**
- 2. ELECTRICAL SAFETY**
- 3. HANDLING SUSPENDED LOADS**
- 4. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**
- 5. MOBILE EQUIPMENT**
- 6. RAILROAD SAFETY**
- 7. CONTRACTOR SAFETY**

These aren't theoretical risks - they're real situations we encounter every day, across the Port.

Today's we want to talk about which of these risks may be present on this shift, and how we can protect ourselves and each other.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Looking at today's work, which of the seven critical risks might you encounter on this shift?
- Where do you see the greatest risk in your job - and how do you stay ahead of it?
- What's one simple action you can take today to reduce risk for yourself or someone else?
- If you see something unsafe related to one of these risks, what should you do?

(Keep responses short and practical.)

THIS WEEKS CHALLENGE

The Seven Critical Risks are about awareness - knowing when to slow down, speak up, or take a second look.

If we stay alert, watch out for each other, and take these risks seriously, we protect more than just the job - we protect the people behind it.

And here at The Port of Virginia... WE PROTECT WHAT MATTERS

