

SAFETY BRIEF

Pedestrian Safety

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FOR THE SUPERVISOR

PURPOSE:

This brief runs 2–3 minutes. Keep it conversational.

BEFORE THE BRIEFING:

- Read through once.
- Think about suspended load work on today's shift.
- Be ready to listen more than you talk.

DURING THE BRIEFING:

- Share the story below in your own words.
- Ask the questions. Let the crew respond.
- Keep it focused on today.

Remember: A safety brief is a real conversation — not a box to check

STORY TO SHARE

“BEFORE YOU GO UP”

Seventy tons. That's what's moving through this yard.

But a harness that isn't checked, an anchor point that isn't verified, a lanyard that isn't attached right – those aren't small things. At height, those are the difference between going home and not going home.

Reach stackers. Straddle carriers. Forklifts clearing blind corners. Every one of them sharing the same ground you're walking on – and every one of them with spots where you can simply disappear from view.

This yard doesn't forgive mistakes. So don't give it the chance to make one. Wear your hi-vis every shift – it's the first thing that makes you visible. Know the no-walk zones and stay out of them. And before you move near any active equipment, make sure the operator can see you. If you can't confirm it, you wait.

Do it for the crew working around you. Do it for the people at home who are counting on you to walk back through that door.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Where does pedestrian and equipment traffic overlap most on your shift today?
- Do you know the no-walk zones on your terminal – and what's the protocol if you need to enter one?
- What does it actually mean to make sure the operator can see you?
- If you saw someone take a shortcut through a no-walk zone, what would you do?

(Keep responses short and practical.)

CLOSING REMARKS

Pedestrian incidents don't happen because people are careless. They happen because someone assumed the machine saw them, or took a shortcut just this once, or skipped the vest because the walk was short.

Wear your hi-vis. Stay out of no-walk zones. Make sure they see you.

Because at The Port of Virginia... **WE PROTECT WHAT MATTERS**

