

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Pedestrian and Mobile Equipment Interaction

A supervisor noticed a truck driver standing outside of their vehicle in a designated safe zone (marked as X in the image) as a forklift was transferring dunnage to and from their truck.

The supervisor saw that, without notifying the forklift operator, the truck driver left the safe zone and began walking towards the cab with their head down apparently preoccupied by their phone. The forklift operator was facing forward and was unaware of the driver's movement and did not see the driver entering the work zone.

The supervisor immediately stepped in and caught the driver's attention directing them back to a safe area. The supervisor reminded the driver of the procedures for exiting their cab and made sure they understood the safe zones, not using their cell phone when outside their cab and the importance of signalling the driver before they move.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Review the incident with all transportation companies to ensure on-site safety procedures are clear with all drivers.
- Procedures for safely exiting and remaining outside of a transport truck during loading or unloading must be included in the Safe Work Procedure for the area. These procedures should be reviewed regularly and fully understood by transport drivers and mobile equipment operators.



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

All employees and contractors must assume when they are near mobile equipment, they are not visible to the operator.

Also when in mobile operating area pay attention and do not use your cell phone until you are in a safe zone.

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