

TRUCK YARD SAFETY: PEDESTRIANS AND TRUCKS

INTRODUCTION

Truckyards are dangerous places because both trucks and pedestrians use the same space to move around. It is up to you to pay attention and engage in safe practices, because the other person may be distracted and therefore cause an accident.

LOOKING WHILE DRIVING

Drivers

- Make it your G.O.A.L.: Get Out And Look to ensure your truck can be safely moved into and out of the yard area.
- If you have someone else with you, have them act as a spotter.
- If you cannot see the spotter, NEVER assume they are out of the way.
- Pay attention to any special pedestrian safety zones.



WHAT TO DO WHEN DRIVING

- Obey all speed limits.
- Watch mirrors closely.
- Never pull right behind someone.
- Activate 4 way flashers and sound your horn before backing up.
- Avoid oversteer, which will make you lose control of the truck. Oversteer is caused by:
 - *Steering sharply into a corner then putting on the brakes, which aggressively shifts the weight to the front of the truck.*
 - *Sharp acceleration.*
- Remain alert.
- Do not show off or engage in stunt driving.

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LOOKING WHILE WALKING

Pedestrians

- Always sweep your path for truck drivers.
- Do not ever let your guard down, even when walking in designated safe pedestrian areas.

WHAT TO DO WHEN WALKING

- Stay clear from areas where trucks are backing up.
- Wear high visibility vests with reflective panels.
- Do not use ramps or paths designated for vehicles only.
- Let drivers know if you have to perform a task in the area.
- Do not distract drivers.
- Do not engage in horseplay.
- Never assume the driver has seen you.



CONCLUSION

When you feel rushed, remember: Being safe might cost you time, but it could save your life. Always stay alert, never assume the other person can see you, and never stunt drive or engage in horseplay. A life is always worth the few extra moments you take to make sure everything is safe.