

SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS SAFETY BLITZ! OVERTIME



WHY ARE WE GOING TO O.T.?

Some of the worst accidents reported involve flatbed drivers being injured during the loading and unloading phase of the job. Numerous injuries have occurred when lift trucks have either hit the cargo, knocking it off, or dropping the cargo while lifting it off the flatbed, falling onto drivers.

Lift trucks are often used to load and unload cargo. Lift trucks include forklifts, side loaders, walkie stackers, rough terrain forklifts, or any other type of powered industrial trucks. Our goal is to eliminate injuries to drivers during the loading and unloading of a flatbed truck.

WATCH THE FILM

In football, players and coaches will watch film to prepare for the next game, making adjustments and correcting mistakes that were identified. You can do the same for your employees, drivers and company by studying real-life situations. This is the first step in the process of improving your safety culture, [Making Accidents a Big Deal](#). And it starts with changing each individual's behavior. It is, after all, up to them to plan, stay alert, and pay attention.

Film Replay #1: Truck driver, Peter Roberts, was assisting with loading large sheets of rock when the forklift driver hit the A-frame holding the rock, causing it to break and the load to fall on Peter. This resulted in both legs being amputated.

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS PLAYBOOK: HOW TO PREVENT INJURIES

- Communication is key. Communicate with the lift truck operator prior to loading/unloading to discuss intentions and the process so there is no confusion.
- If the shipping location has a designated area for driver to stand during the loading/unloading process, follow those instructions.
- If the shipping location does not have a designated area to stand, the next safest place to wait is in the cab of the truck. However, if the driver is required to stand outside the truck or place dunnage, stay as close to the cab of the truck as possible.

FLATBED & LIFT TRUCK SAFETY

WHAT'S THIS THING? →

We have created a playlist on our YouTube page of custom videos specifically related to flatbed safety. We encourage you to watch and share at least these two:

- Situational Awareness: Loading & Unloading a Flatbed Trailer
- Shift Happens: Don't Let it Happen to You!



SCAN ME

Film Replay #2: Truck driver, Mary Jones, was assisting with unloading steel beams. Forklift driver hit the beams, causing them to topple over and fall on Mary. This resulted in both of Mary's legs being crushed and broken.

Film Replay #3: Truck driver, Joe Smith, was assisting with strapping steel pipes during loading, when forklift driver hit the pipes on the opposite side of the load, causing them to fall on Joe. This resulted in Joe losing both legs.

These 3 claims totaled over \$8,650,000 and changed lives forever. Some minor adjustments consisting of planning movements, staying alert, and paying attention to surroundings could have prevented these injuries from occurring.

- Wear proper PPE: gloves, boots, safety glasses, and reflective vest. Acceptable colors are yellow and orange. Put vest on prior to exiting the tractor.
- Never be on the opposite side of the load from the lift truck. Always maintain a line of site with the lift truck operator.
- Do not climb unless it is unavoidable. If climbing is necessary, always use 3 points of contact.

