



Work Safety Alert **Knocked Down by Reversing Truck**

- 1. Date of Accident :** January 2024
- 2. Place of Accident :** A container terminal
- 3. Summary :**

A cargo checker was knocked down by a reversing truck in a container terminal. He sustained serious bodily injury and passed away on the same day.

4. Work Safety Alert for Proprietors / Employers:

To prevent workers from being endangered by moving vehicles in workplaces, proprietors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work which includes, but not limited to, the following:

- appointing a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with moving vehicles, taking into account the workplace environment, size and type of vehicles maneuvering, traffic routes, and movements of workers at workplaces;
- formulating and implementing an effective traffic management system with due regard to the results of the risk assessments and relevant safety guidelines;
- setting safe layout for workplace transport, including:
 - arranging one-way traffic routes as far as practicable to limit reversing and prevent conflicting movements caused by “two-way” traffic, particularly around corners and at crossing points;
 - providing suitably marked and signposted crossing points for



workers where appropriate;

- providing and maintaining safe walkways away from moving vehicles by demarcating designated walkways for workers with suitable barriers and signages;
 - displaying notices at prominent locations to alert workers to moving vehicles and the use of designated walkways; and
 - exercising control measures to avoid unauthorised entry into operating zones and driveways of moving vehicles;
- ensuring drivers paying particular attention to possible presence of workers and blinds spots in the vicinity of vehicles;
 - ensuring workers working on or near driveways are wearing a high visibility or reflective jacket so that they could easily be seen;
 - providing all workers concerned with the necessary safety information, instruction and training in respect of the traffic management system, and ensuring that they are familiar with relevant safety measures; and
 - establishing and implementing an effective monitoring and control system to ensure all safety measures are strictly followed.

5. Reference :

- [Safe Systems of Work](#)¹
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)¹



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