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Outsmart the Darkness: Your Weekly Safety Spotlight™



Warehouse Traffic Management

Warehouses are busy places with a lot of movement. This topic focuses on safely managing pedestrian traffic alongside other powered industrial trucks (like pallet jacks, reach trucks, *forklifts*), and Fire Prevention/Emergency Preparedness

Pedestrian & Vehicle Traffic Management (Non-Forklift)

- Designated walkways are mandatory – never assume vehicle operators can see you, even with mirrors. Stay within marked zones.
- Maintain eye contact with operators before crossing any travel lane. Hand signals are helpful, but don't rely on them solely.
- Report any damaged or missing safety markings (walkway lines, mirrors) immediately to ensure clear traffic flow.

Fire Prevention & Emergency Preparedness

- Know the location of fire extinguishers, pull stations, and emergency exits – visualize your evacuation route now, not during an emergency.
- Combustible materials must be stored properly, away from ignition sources. Never block fire suppression systems (sprinklers, extinguishers).
- Participate actively in fire drills. Familiarity with procedures saves lives – understand your role and the assembly point location.

Precautions, Hazard Abatement, Etc.

- Clearly marked pedestrian walkways with high-visibility paint and barriers.
- Installation of mirrors at intersections and blind corners.
- Implement a "slow and steady" speed limit for all powered industrial trucks.
- Mandatory training on pedestrian right-of-way and safe crossing procedures.
- Regular inspections of electrical systems and equipment.
- Installation and maintenance of fire detection and suppression systems (sprinklers, fire alarms, extinguishers).
- Conduct regular fire drills to familiarize employees with evacuation procedures.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive fire prevention plan.