



ILA-USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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SEAT BELTS... Again!

Last month, at a marine terminal within the ILA's Atlantic Coast District, a straddle carrier operator hit a stack of loaded intermodal containers while moving in forward gear. In the collision, he was ejected from his machine's cab. In all, we estimate his fall distance to have been about thirty (30) feet. Most falls of that distance will result in fatal injuries. In this particular case, the ILA operator, while still hospitalized, remains in very serious condition.

He was not wearing his seatbelt. Had he been, he would have likely suffered no injuries at all.



Over the years, our global industry has experienced its share of very serious accidents occasioned by industrial truck & straddle carrier operators who, for whatever reason, chose to not wear their seat belts. Some of those accidents resulted in the loss of life. The ILA-USMX Joint Safety Committee considers the life of every member of our industry (labor and management alike) extremely precious. We believe that all of us are part of the same family, and we also believe that family is best served when we all work together towards common goals. ***Just like a real family.....***

If you believe otherwise, ask your own family members how important you and your well being (on and off the job) are to them. Think of them. They're thinking of you. **Belt Up!**

Working Together For The Benefit Of All

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