



## ILA-USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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### Fashion Statement or Deadly Hazard?



Late last year, a longshore worker was backed over and killed in an industrial accident aboard a Ro-Ro vessel. One of the likely contributing factors in his death, was the limited field of vision available to him caused by the side-blinding effect of the hoodie he was wearing. A veteran longshoreman and a great guy, he is very sadly and deeply missed by his friends and his family.

As you can see from the photograph above, some clothing (even if paired with a high-viz vest or jacket) can effectively block out the peripheral vision that longshore workers may desperately need in many potentially life-threatening circumstances.

When working with or around the types and sizes of cargo-moving equipment found in the marine terminal/longshore environment, it's often said by many of us that we could use ***"eyes in the back of our heads."*** There's a lot of truth to that wishful observation.

And while that's anatomically impossible right now, we would plead with you to not allow your sense of fashion contribute to the cause of horrible accidents that we and our families can all do without.

Got an OSH-related question? Write to the JSC at: [blueoceana@optonline.net](mailto:blueoceana@optonline.net)

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