

Port of Virginia Health and Safety Rules - Terminal Patrons



1	Vehicles must follow established traffic patterns.	A citation may be issued for any vehicle or equipment operator who does not promptly establish themselves in the correct traffic pattern after a deviation or who does not follow the established traffic pattern.
2	Speed Limit is 20 mph, unless posted otherwise.	
3	No use of cell phones or personal electronic devices, to include wearing a headset/blue-tooth/ear buds while OPERATING a MOVING vehicle/equipment OR while on foot within 25 ft. of cargo operations.	A citation may be written for the use of cell phones or personal electronic devices, to include wearing a headset/blue-tooth/ear buds, while OPERATING a MOVING vehicle or equipment. A citation may also be written for these conditions when a person is on foot within 25 ft. of cargo operations. Particular focus is on any company pickup truck or yard hustler. This includes actively talking or texting on a "Smart Watch."
4	Seatbelt use is mandatory in a MOVING vehicle/equipment, to include the shoulder harness, if equipped.	A citation may be written for not wearing a seatbelt, as designed, while moving.
5	ANSI-2 vest or ANSI-2 shirt AND safety shoes are required outside, except in personal vehicle parking areas. Terminal maintenance employees wear the authorized uniform. Motor carriers must have closed-toe shoes. Eye/hand protection are required when exposed to or using a chainsaw, power saw, chain cutter, during banding or when drilling. Ear protection is required when using a chain saw or power saw.	A citation may be written for any person, within the terminal fence line, who is outside of a personal vehicle parking area and not wearing an ANSI-2 vest OR ANSI-2 shirt. Safety shoes are also required. Terminal maintenance employees wear the authorized uniform. Motor carriers are not required to wear safety shoes but they must wear closed toe shoes. Eye and hand protection are required when exposed to or using a chainsaw, chain cutter, during banding or when drilling. Ear protection is required when using a chain saw or power saw.
6	Hard hats are required on vessels, under a crane/rubber tire gantry, in transfer zones, within 25 feet of operating cargo handling equipment, or when performing linehandler duties.	A citation may be written for any employee or motor carrier without a hardhat who is outside and exposed to a vertical hazard such as under a Ship-to-Shore Crane, in a transfer zone that is serviced by Straddle Carriers or Rail mounted gantries, or within 25 feet of operating cargo handling equipment. All individuals on a vessel must wear a hard hat. Those riding a forklift with a guard overhead are not required to wear a hard hat. Line-handlers must wear hard hats.
7	Feeding stray animals is prohibited.	A citation may be written for anyone leaving food out for stray animals or for actively feeding stray animals such as cats or foxes.
8	Littering is prohibited.	A citation may be written for any person who drops trash on the ground or throws trash into the bed of a pickup truck. This also includes cleaning up a work area and not placing the resulting debris in a trash container.
9	Smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of a cargo area, on vessels, in equipment, or within 25 feet of any building entrance. No E-Cigarette use within 25 feet of building entrances.	A citation may be written for any person Smoking within 25 feet of a cargo area, on vessels, in equipment, or within 25 feet of any building entrance. A citation may be written for any person who uses an E-cigarette within 25 feet of any building entrance.
10	No passing a MOVING vehicle/equipment unless road markings permit passing.	A citation may be written for any equipment or vehicle operator who attempts to pass a MOVING vehicle, unless it is on a road that is marked to permit passing such as Railroad Ave at NIT, the Main Truck Blvd at VIG, or Seaboard Ave at PMT.
11	Driving or walking behind motor carriers or equipment that are moving in reverse is prohibited.	A citation may be written for a vehicle or person that proceeds behind a motor carrier/equipment within 25 feet while they are moving in reverse.
12	In Break Bulk Cargo Areas, motor carriers must remain in their truck OR be under the direct control of cargo personnel within 25 feet of moving container handling equipment.	A citation may be written for the lead cargo person OR motor carrier operator for failing to either remain in the truck OR ensure the motor carrier remains side-by-side with the lead cargo person when within 25 feet of moving container handling equipment.
13	Headlight use is required by all MOVING vehicles between sunset and sunrise, except while in line under a crane/RTG so as to not blind the ground crew.	A citation may be written for any person not using headlights while moving between sunset and sunrise. Driving a vehicle with a broken headlight is citable. Headlight use is not required when a vehicle is in line, moving into position under a crane or RTG, so as to not blind the ground crew.
14	Driving under idle cranes, as a matter of convenience, is prohibited.	A citation may be written for any vehicle or equipment (Strad, pickup truck, crane maintenance, UTR, etc) that drives under the Ship to Shore cranes on the dock, as a matter of convenience. It is important to use the established traffic pattern and be predictable. Vehicles may park or proceed under cranes, as necessary, to accomplish their job functions.
15	Vehicles, Containers, GENSETS, and Chassis may only be parked in an authorized location.	A citation may be written if vehicles, containers, GENSETS, or Chassis are parked or placed in an area that creates a HAZARD to persons, property, or vehicles. Special emphasis is placed on the area outside of the VIG maintenance facility east side and the corner of the VIG Maintenance Facility by the Genset loading area. Handicapped parking violations and parking on the grass are included in this category.
16	Personal Vehicles are prohibited in any operational area.	Citations may be written for any personal vehicle that proceeds into an operational area. This includes transfer zones, container stacks, rail yard, dock, break-bulk cargo areas, or any location in which cargo handling equipment operates. Access to operational areas is restricted to placarded company vehicles. Currently, there is an exception for one checker POV at the NIT NTZ, STZ, and South Block Stow area.
17	At NIT and VIG, Straddle Carrier and Shuttle Truck Operators must come to a complete STOP and then yield the right of way when departing the NIT container stacks/VIG Water Side Buffer Area onto the Berth Highway. At NIT, when departing the container stacks INTO THE Motor Carrier TRANSFER ZONE OR when driving north/south inside the container stacks, Straddle Carrier Operators must YIELD right of way.	At NIT and VIG, a citation may be written for a Straddle Carrier or Shuttle Truck Operator who does not come to a complete STOP and then yield the right of way when departing the NIT container stacks/VIG Water Side Buffer Area onto the Berth Highway. At NIT, when departing the container stacks INTO THE Motor Carrier TRANSFER ZONE OR when driving north/south inside the container stacks, a citation may be written for any Straddle Carrier Operator who fails to YIELD the right of way.

18	When behind a Straddle Carrier or Shuttle Truck, do not follow closer than one-length/50 feet.	A citation may be written for any vehicle or Straddle Carrier/Shuttle Truck who follows a Straddle Carrier/Shuttle Truck closer than the length of one Straddle Carrier/Shuttle Truck or approximately 50 feet.
19	NIT: Straddle carriers, Rail UTRs, Forklifts, ILA Instructors listed in the Operational Standards, Management, Crane Maintenance, and Law Enforcement may use the Straddle Carrier Highway. Large break bulk loads may transit with VPA PD coordination. Pedestrians are prohibited.	A citation may be written for anyone using the straddle carrier highway that does not fit this description. A citation may not be issued for vehicles simply crossing the Strad Highway.
20	A maximum of 3 vehicles may be parked on a crane leg AND be no wider that 3 vehicle widths from the hatch cover space AND must remain behind the crane track yellow line AND they must move with the crane when it moves.	A citation may be written if more than 3 vehicles are parked on the side of a hatch cover OR if they are wider than 3 vehicle widths OR they are across the yellow line that marks the crane tracks OR if they do not reposition when the crane moves in approximately two minutes. When a crane is down for maintenance or prior to the start of operations, there is no restriction on the number of vehicles, as long as they do not interfere with the adjacent crane.
21	Vehicles or equipment may not be left unattended inside the yellow line that marks the crane tracks.	A citation may be written if any vehicle is across the yellow line that marks the crane legs. This also applies to equipment left on the tracks or inside the yellow lines. There is a current exception for Checker Vehicles at VIG and PMT on the off-shore crane legs.
22	Traffic on the dock in the lane closest to the hatch cover area will Stop for Slingers when directed.	A citation may be written for any traffic in the lane closest to the hatch cover placement area that does not stop for a Slinger at NIT and PMT when directed. If this traffic crosses the double yellow line to go around the Slinger, then it is a traffic pattern violation.
23	To drive the forklift forward requires unobstructed visibility or a spotter. Forklifts may carry only one pin-bin at a time.	A citation may be written for any forklift operator who moves forward with obstructed visibility, unless using a spotter. By policy, forklifts may only carry one pin-bin at a time.
24	Sitting on Pin Bins is prohibited.	A citation may be written for any person who sits or leans on a Pin Bin WITH a Straddle Carrier or Shuttle Truck inside the yellow lines that mark the safety zone for the In-Shore crane tracks.
25	When line handlers are securing or un-securing a vessel, Straddle Carriers/Shuttle Trucks may not operate in lanes 1 or 2 OR proceed within 25 feet of line handlers at any time. Cranes must remain more than 25' from line handlers.	A citation may be written for any Straddle Carrier/Shuttle Truck operator who operates in lane 1 or 2 while line handlers are securing or sailing a vessel OR who proceeds within 25 feet of any linehandler at any time. The supervisor directing this movement may also be cited. Cranes may not be moved to within 25 feet of a line handler at any time.
26	Working above four feet requires fall protection.	A citation may be written for a person or their supervisor when above four feet without a harness connected to an anchor point OR not protected by railings. A JLG aerial lift requires fall protection any time the employee is in the basket and the JLG is moving or is above four feet. A scissor lift or forklift man-basket does not require a harness. N/A for motor carriers.
27	Hot work and Confined Space operations require a permit. Control of stored energy is required.	A citation may be written for a person who is accomplishing hot work or confined space entry, without a permit. A citation may also be written for a person who accomplishes Lock-out/Tag-out and is not in conformance with terminal procedures. A citation may also be written for any individual who exposes themselves or others to uncontrolled stored energy.
28	When working IN or NEAR a vehicle traffic lane, employees must be properly protected with traffic cones or physical barriers.	A citation may be written for a supervisor who permits an employee to be exposed to vehicle traffic while working, without a proper control method such as cones, barriers, or a traffic attendant. (i.e. employees working outside of regular cargo areas, or using a JLG, or painting lines)
29	Driving through an operational area without the permission of the person who is controlling that operation is prohibited.	A citation may be written for any person who drives through an operation without the permission of the person controlling that operation. This would include examples such as, driving under the STS Crane during operations, driving though a cargo yard while freight is being moved, or driving through an area where maintenance is being conducted.
30	Entering an area or building that is clearly marked as off limits, on foot or in a vehicle, is prohibited. Moving a jersey wall or sign that is intended to restrict access, is prohibited.	A citation may be written for any person who enters a building or room or work area that is clearly marked as off limits. Also, moving a jersey wall or signage that is intended to restrict access, is prohibited.
31	Walking, Standing, Sitting or Residing in any way under a load or in an area where the load may fall or roll while it is not resting in a grounded position with the weight off of the slings, wires, or load engaging means, is prohibited.	A citation may be written for any person or their supervisor who walks, sits, stands, or resides in any way under a load or in an area where the load may fall or roll, while it is not resting in a grounded position with weight off of the slings, wires, or load engaging means. This includes containerized cargo, break-bulk freight, equipment, or any other load.
32	Use the ladder when mounting or dismounting rail cars. Jumping on/off rail cars is prohibited. To shimmy along the side of a rail car is prohibited.	A citation may be written for any person who jumps down from a railcar or who shimmys along the side of the railcar.
33	Improper disposal of solid waste in the dumpsters, with particular focus on regulated waste such as bulbs, batteries, and refrigerant containing devices, is prohibited.	A citation may be written for a person or supervisor who does not properly dispose of solid waste according to POV Policy. This includes the improper disposal of bulbs, batteries, and refrigerant containing devices.
34	Failure to clean up a spill or the spill absorbents, is prohibited.	A citation may be written for any terminal patron or supervisor who does not clean up petroleum spills or used absorbants on the same day as the spill OR prior to rainfall, with at least one hour of notice.
35	Improper container or drum labeling, is prohibited.	A citation may be written for any terminal patron or supervisor who does not use a proper label on all containers in the work place according to Port of Virginia Policy or HAZCOM regulations.
Consequences: 1st Offense - Written Warning, 2nd Offense within 24 months - 2 week suspension or remedial training class, 3rd Offense - 30 days, 4th Offense - 90 days, 5th Offense - 180 days. ILA according to the collective bargaining agreement. Please send questions or concerns to healthandsafety@vit.org		