

Port of Virginia Health and Safety Rules - Terminal Patrons



1	Vehicles and equipment must follow established traffic patterns and signage.
2	Speed Limit is 20 mph, unless posted otherwise.
3	The use of cell phones, personal electronic devices, headsets, blue-tooths, or ear buds is prohibited while OPERATING a MOVING vehicle/equipment OR while OPERATING controls such as hoisting a spreader bar OR while on foot within 25 feet of cargo operations.
4	Seatbelt use is mandatory in a MOVING vehicle/equipment, to include the shoulder harness, if equipped.
5	ANSI-2 vest/shirt AND safety shoes are required when outside on POV property, except in personal vehicle parking areas or when in/on a piece of equipment. This requirement also applies on vessels. 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, grinder, during banding, or when drilling.
6	Hard hats that are OSHA compliant must be worn when exposed to a vertical hazard such as under a ship-to-shore crane, in a transfer zone serviced by straddle carriers or rail mounted gantries, or on vessels. Hard hats are also required within 25 feet of operating cargo handling equipment or heavy equipment and when performing line-handler or land-bridge duties. Bump caps are not acceptable.
7	Any action that adversely impacts the health or hygiene of employees, such as contaminating ice supplies, is prohibited. This applies to all locations on POV property as well as in work vehicles and equipment. Feeding or leaving food out for stray animals, such as cats and foxes, is prohibited.
8	Littering is prohibited. A citation may be written for any person on Port of Virginia Property 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 debris in a trash container.
9	Smoking and E-Cigarette use is prohibited within 25 feet of cargo containers, on vessels, in work vehicles/equipment, inside a building, or inside a work booth.
10	No passing a MOVING vehicle or equipment, unless road markings permit passing.
11	Driving or walking behind vehicles/equipment that are moving in reverse, within 25 feet, is prohibited.
12	In Break Bulk Cargo Areas , motor carrier operators must remain in their truck OR be under the direct control of cargo personnel when within 25 feet of moving container handling equipment. A citation may be written for the lead cargo person OR motor carrier operator.
13	Headlight use is required by all MOVING vehicles between sunset and sunrise or anytime during reduced visibility due to weather. Driving a vehicle with a broken headlight is citable. Headlight use is not required when when in line 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. Vehicles and equipment operators may park or drive under idle cranes to perform their job.
15	Vehicles, equipment, cargo, GENSETS , and chassis must be parked in a marked location OR in a location that does NOT create a HAZARD to persons, property, or vehicles. Handicapped parking violations and parking on the grass are included in this category.
16	Personal vehicles are prohibited from entering operational areas to include transfer zones, container stacks, rail yards, docks, break-bulk cargo areas, or any location in which cargo handling equipment operates or is operating. Access to operational areas is restricted to placarded company vehicles.
17	At NIT , VIG , and PMT , equipment and vehicle operators must come to a complete STOP and then yield the right of way when departing the container stacks or roadways, onto the berth highway.

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18	When behind a Straddle Carrier or Shuttle Truck, do not follow closer than one-length/50 feet.
19	NIT: Gang Buses and pedestrians may not use the Straddle Carrier Highway. Large break bulk loads may transit after VPA PD coordination.
20	A maximum of 3 vehicles/equipment may be parked on a crane leg AND be no wider than 3 vehicle widths from the hatch cover space AND remain behind the crane track yellow line AND move with the crane when it moves, within 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, equipment, and cargo may not be left unattended inside the yellow line that marks the crane tracks. Exception: Checker Vehicles at VIG/PMT may park on the off-shore crane track.
22	Traffic on the berth highway at NIT and PMT in the lane next to the STS Crane, must stop when directed by Slingers OR when a hatch cover in the crane back-reach is being lifted to or from the dock.
23	Driving vehicles/equipment requires unobstructed visibility or a spotter. Forklifts may carry multiple pin bins, but only one-high. When a forklift is left unattended (defined by greater than 25 feet away), load-engaging means must be fully lowered, controls neutralized, brakes set, and power turned off.
24	Sitting or leaning on Pin Bins, is prohibited.
25	When line handlers are securing/un-securing a vessel, Straddle Carriers/Shuttle Trucks may not operate in lane 1 or 2. Equipment operators may not proceed within 25 feet of a line handler or employee watering a vessel at any time. Cranes may not move within 25 ft. of a line handler.
26	On Port of Virginia property, working above four feet requires fall protection unless protected by railings. On vessels, working above eight feet requires fall protection. An aerial lift requires fall protection any time the employee is in the basket when the aerial lift is moving OR is above 4 feet. A scissor lift or forklift man-basket does not require a harness.
27	Hot work and Confined Space operations require a permit. Control of stored energy is required to be in conformance with OSHA Lock-out/Tag-out requirements.
28	When working IN or NEAR a vehicle traffic lane, persons on foot or in an aerial lift must be protected with traffic cones or physical barriers.
29	Driving through an operational area without the permission of the person controlling that operation, is prohibited. (i.e. Driving under the STS Crane during operations or driving through an area where maintenance is being conducted.)
30	Entering an area or building that is marked as off limits, either on foot or in a vehicle, is prohibited. Moving a barrier 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 in a grounded position with the weight off of the slings, wires, or load engaging means, is prohibited. 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.
33	Improper disposal of solid waste in the dumpsters, with focus on regulated waste such as bulbs, batteries, and refrigerant containing devices, is prohibited.
34	Failure to clean up a spill or the spill absorbents, on the same day as the spill OR prior to rainfall, with at least one hour of notice, is prohibited.
35	Proper container and drum labeling is required. 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: The Port of Virginia Policy that details consequences and the TSIP Rules may be found at portofvirginia.com/stewardship/healthandsafety. Please send questions/comments healthandsafety@vit.org.