

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 or personal electronic devices, or wearing 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 50 feet of cargo operations.
4	Seatbelt use is mandatory in a MOVING vehicle/equipment, to include the shoulder harness, if equipped.
5	An ANSI-2 vest/shirt that is yellow-green or orange AND safety shoes must be worn when outside on POV property, except in personal vehicle parking areas or when in/on a piece of equipment. This also applies on vessels. Terminal maintenance employees wear the authorized uniform. Motor carriers must wear closed-toe shoes. Eye/hand protection is required when exposed to or using a hammer, power saw, nail gun, chain cutter, grinder, drill, or during banding operations. Chain saw use requires safety glasses plus full face protection with helmet, chaps, and leather gloves. Working with vehicle batteries or parts washers requires safety glasses plus full face protection, apron, and gloves appropriate to the task.
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 50 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 using bare hands to obtain ice from the ice machines, is prohibited. This also applies in work vehicles/equipment. Feeding or leaving food out for animals is prohibited.
8	Littering is prohibited. This includes depositing trash on the ground, in work vehicles/equipment, or the bed of a pickup truck.
9	Smoking/Vaping/E-Cigarette use is prohibited within 50 feet of cargo containers, on vessels, in work vehicles/equipment, inside buildings, or inside work booths.
10	Passing a MOVING vehicle/equipment is prohibited, unless road markings permit passing.
11	Driving or walking behind vehicles/equipment that are moving in reverse, within 50 feet, is prohibited.
12	In Break Bulk Cargo Areas, motor carrier operators must remain in their truck OR be greater than 50 feet from moving container handling equipment.
13	Headlight use is required by all MOVING vehicles/equipment between sunset and sunrise OR in reduced visibility due to weather. Driving a vehicle with a broken headlight is citable. Headlight use is not required when waiting in a line to discharge or receive cargo.
14	Driving under idle Ship-to-Shore cranes, as a matter of convenience, is prohibited. Vehicle and equipment operators may only drive or park under idle cranes when necessary to perform their job.
15	Vehicles, equipment, cargo, GENSETS , and chassis must be parked in a marked location OR if operational needs require it, in a location that does NOT create a HAZARD . Handicapped parking violations and parking on the grass are included in this category. All vehicles/equipment must be properly secured when unattended with the emergency brake, as designed.
16	Personal vehicles are prohibited from entering areas in which cargo handling equipment operates, such as transfer zones, container stacks, rail yards, docks, piers, and break-bulk cargo areas. Access to these areas by company vehicles requires a placard on the driver and passenger side doors.
17	Equipment/vehicle operators must come to a complete STOP and then yield the right of way when departing container stacks or roadways, onto the berth highway.

18	When behind a Straddle Carrier/Shuttle Truck, do not follow closer than 50 feet. On the Straddle Carrier Highway at NIT, break bulk loads may transit with an escort and pedestrians are prohibited.
19	Cargo handling equipment may only be operated on Port of Virginia property by employees who hold a valid Port of Virginia or HRSA certification.
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, within approximately two minutes. When a crane is down for maintenance or prior to operations, there is no restriction on the number of vehicles, as long as the adjacent crane is not affected.
21	Vehicles, equipment, and cargo may not be left unattended inside the yellow line that marks the crane tracks. Exception: Foreman/Checker Vehicles may park on the off-shore crane track.
22	Traffic on the berth highway must stop when directed by Slingers.
23	Driving vehicles/equipment requires unobstructed visibility or a spotter. Forklifts may carry multiple pin-bins, but only one-high. All small forklifts (9K or less) on the dock must have an elevated flag. When an operator is not at the controls or any vehicle/equipment, the emergency brake must be activated.
24	Sitting or leaning on a Pin Bin that is in an active STS Crane lane, is prohibited.
25	Vehicle/Equipment operators may not proceed within 50 feet of line-handlers that are securing/un-securing a vessel or within 50 feet of employees that are watering a vessel.
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. When in the basket of an aerial lift, employees require fall protection any time the lift is moving OR the basket is above 4 feet. The use of a scissor lift or forklift lifting-basket does not require a harness.
27	Hot work and Confined Space operations require a permit. Control of stored energy must be in conformance with OSHA Lock-out/Tag-out requirements. Equipment that is down for maintenance must be clearly marked and secured to prevent use.
28	When IN or NEAR vehicle traffic, persons on foot OR elevated in an aerial lift, forklift lifting-basket, or scissor lift must be protected with traffic cones or physical barriers. A vehicle escort is required when a lift is being moved.
29	Driving through an operational area without the permission of the person controlling that operation, is prohibited. Moving a barrier that is intended to restrict access or entering an area/building that is marked as off limits, either on foot or in a vehicle, is prohibited.
30	Directing or supervising a Non-standard event or Management of Change action, without accomplishing an NSEP/MOC plan as outlined in the POV Response Guide, is prohibited.
31	Walking, standing, sitting or residing in anyway under a load or in an area where the load may fall or roll while it is not in a grounded position, 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	Container labeling must be in compliance with Port of Virginia Policy and HAZCOM regulations. Improper disposal of solid waste in the dumpsters, with a focus on regulated waste such as bulbs, batteries, and refrigerant containing devices, is prohibited.
34	Petroleum spills/used absorbents must be removed on the same day as a spill OR prior to rain, when given one hour of notice. The floor of maintenance spaces must be free of excess oil at the end of the shift.
35	Any person with supervisory or management authority who directs an action that requires the violation of a TSEP rule or who willfully tolerates non-conformance with a TSEP rule by an employee under their supervision, is subject to citation. The POV VP of H&S approval is required prior to issuing this citation.
The policy that details TSEP consequences may be found at portofvirginia.com/stewardship/healthandsafety . Please send disputes, comments or questions within 48 hours to healthandsafety@vit.org	