



Operational Alerts inform Signal Mutual Members of serious incidents within the Mutual that resulted in permanent disability, death, or a significant near miss. If you have similar operations, please share this Operational Alert and have a safety discussion with operation managers, supervisors, equipment operators, and all affected employees. It is imperative that management review their operational controls at all levels to mitigate similar hazardous conditions and/or acts.

INCIDENT: OBSTRUCTED VIEW ACCIDENT

SUMMARY OF RECENT INCIDENT

Recently, an event occurred at a Member’s facility; an employee was in a pickup truck, stationary in the road, near a stack of shipping containers, waiting for a top loader to come and remove an export container when a mule (UTR) operator, driving toward the front of the pickup truck on the passenger side, made contact damaging the pickup truck (See right picture below).

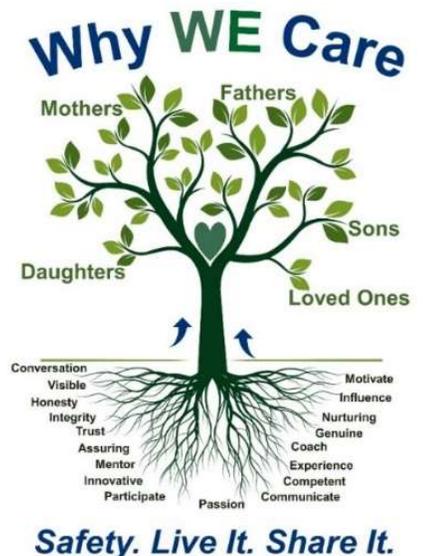


CONSIDERATIONS

- The Mule (UTR) operators’ vision was obstructed by personal objects that had been placed on the dashboard of the truck obstructing their ability to see. (See left picture above)
- Improper behavior by mule (UTR) operator, driving in between a stack and the pickup truck (passing passenger side to passenger side)
- When parking between stacks, park close to the containers so that other vehicles have more room to get around you.

PREVENTIVE ACTIONS

- Keep fields of vision free of obstructions and clean. This includes windshields, mirrors, etc.
- Travel between and adjacent to stacks should not interfere with safe passage of vehicles and movement of materials / containers.
- Remember, when you are behind the wheel, your job is driving. Not talking, not reading, not typing, not texting, *driving and being aware of your surroundings.*
- A lot is riding on your abilities and focus as a driver; most importantly, the safety of yourself, passengers, and pedestrians in your area. There is also the risk of damaging equipment and other property.



DISCLAIMER: The contents of this document are intended only for the informational use of the addressee. The information contained herein is not intended as, nor does it constitute, specific legal or technical advice to the reader. Any information or recommendations contained herein are provided to the addressee for usage at their own discretion. Neither Signal Mutual Indemnity Association Ltd., its Members, Managers or Signal Management Services, LLC and/or their employees accept liability whether in tort, negligence, contract, or otherwise, to anyone for any lack of technical skill, completeness of recommendations, or analysis of issues associated with the discussion of topics set forth herein. No responsibility is assumed for the discovery or elimination of unsafe conditions. Compliance with any recommendations herein should not assume your compliance with any federal, state, or local law or regulation. Additionally, the information contained herein does not constitute and shall not be construed to reflect the adoption of any coverage position by Signal Mutual Indemnity Association Ltd., its Members, Managers or Signal Management Services, LLC and/or their employees.