STOP the DROP Task Force

Safe Deliveries: Prevent Dropped Objects during Loading and Unloading of Material

We can easily get so focused with the hazards of constructing our project, we can lose sight of the hazards related to the delivery operations of the material we use to construct our project. Each year, several workers are severely injured when the material comes off the trailer. In order to prevent this, follow these steps:

Driver Expectation and Access

- ☐ Pack on even surface?
- ☐ Driver wearing all PPE
- ☐ Driver location during operation?
    - *Note: Driver should remain in the cab during loading/unloading. If there is potential for the load to go over the top of the cab the driver should be removed to a safe location.*
- ☐ Safe access to and from the load

Load Evaluation

- ☐ Is the load stable and secure from movement?
    - *Note: Additional controls are required if the load appears to be unstable prior to removing straps/chains.*
- ☐ Adequate Dunnage and Cribbing?
- ☐ Is load co-mingled?
    - *If yes, review ability to unload intended for project.*

Exclusion Zone

- ☐ Do you have a loading/ unloading area set up?
- ☐ **Forklift**: Exclusion Zone Set-up at a minimum of 10 feet on the opposite side of the forklift with danger tape or red rope. Controlled Access Zone MUST BE RED.
- ☐ **Forklift:** Spotter used on the opposite side of the forklift if danger tape or rope is infeasible.

Flaggers

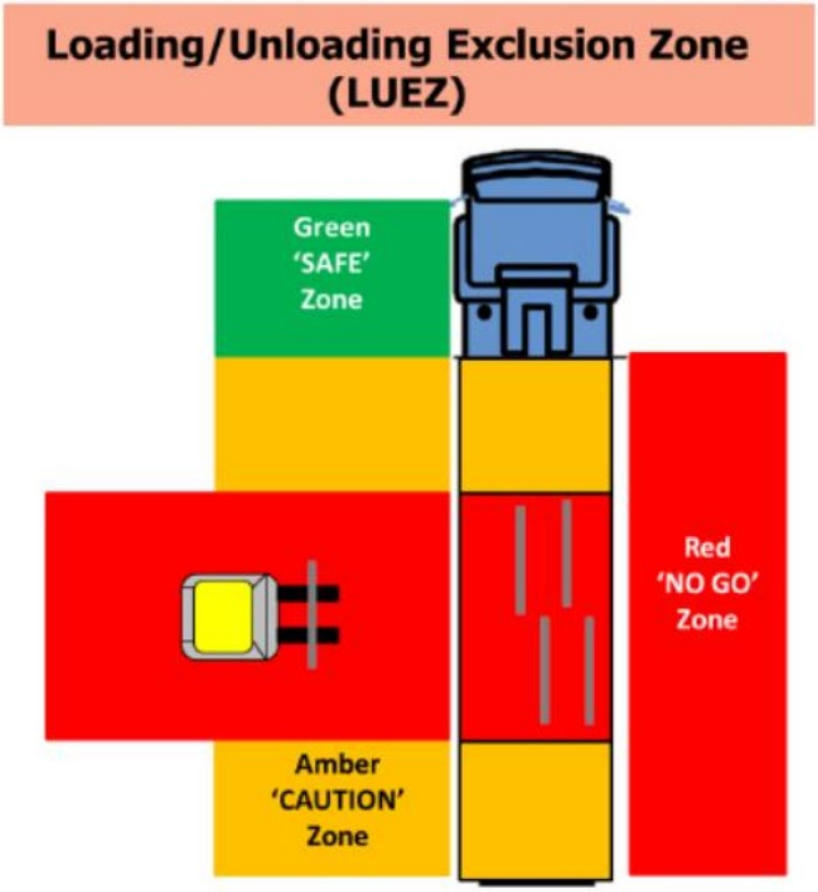
- ☐ Flaggers used to control vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
    - *Note: If loading/unloading outside the boundaries of the project flaggers are required.*

JSA

- ☐ Review JSA with spotter(s)/ flagger(s).
- ☐ Ensure all personnel are outside the Exclusion Zones.

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STOP WORK Stop and correct the condition you see material being loaded or unloaded without these controls in place.

Crew Discussion

- Do our delivery drivers have a safe location to load/ unload material?
- Do our delivery drivers and our forklift operators know the expectations?
- Who will inspect the load prior to being loaded or unloaded?
- Who will control the back side of the trailer loaded or unloaded?

Crew Commitment

We reviewed the hazards and controls for preventing dropped objects from material being loaded or unloaded for our project. We understand that work will stop until the back side of the tractor trailer load is secure.

Prevent materials coming off the tractor trailer uncontrolled, during loading and unloading activities. No one should work or walk behind the trailer being loaded or unloaded.

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