

Focus on Safety at the Transfer Station

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OSHA Statistics Do Not Account for Other Non-Work Related Injuries

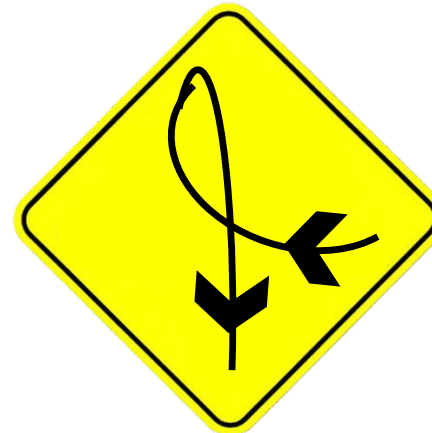
85 Year Old Man Survives Crash at Transfer Station



Design Considerations - Traffic Controls



Counter Clockwise



Backing Left to Right

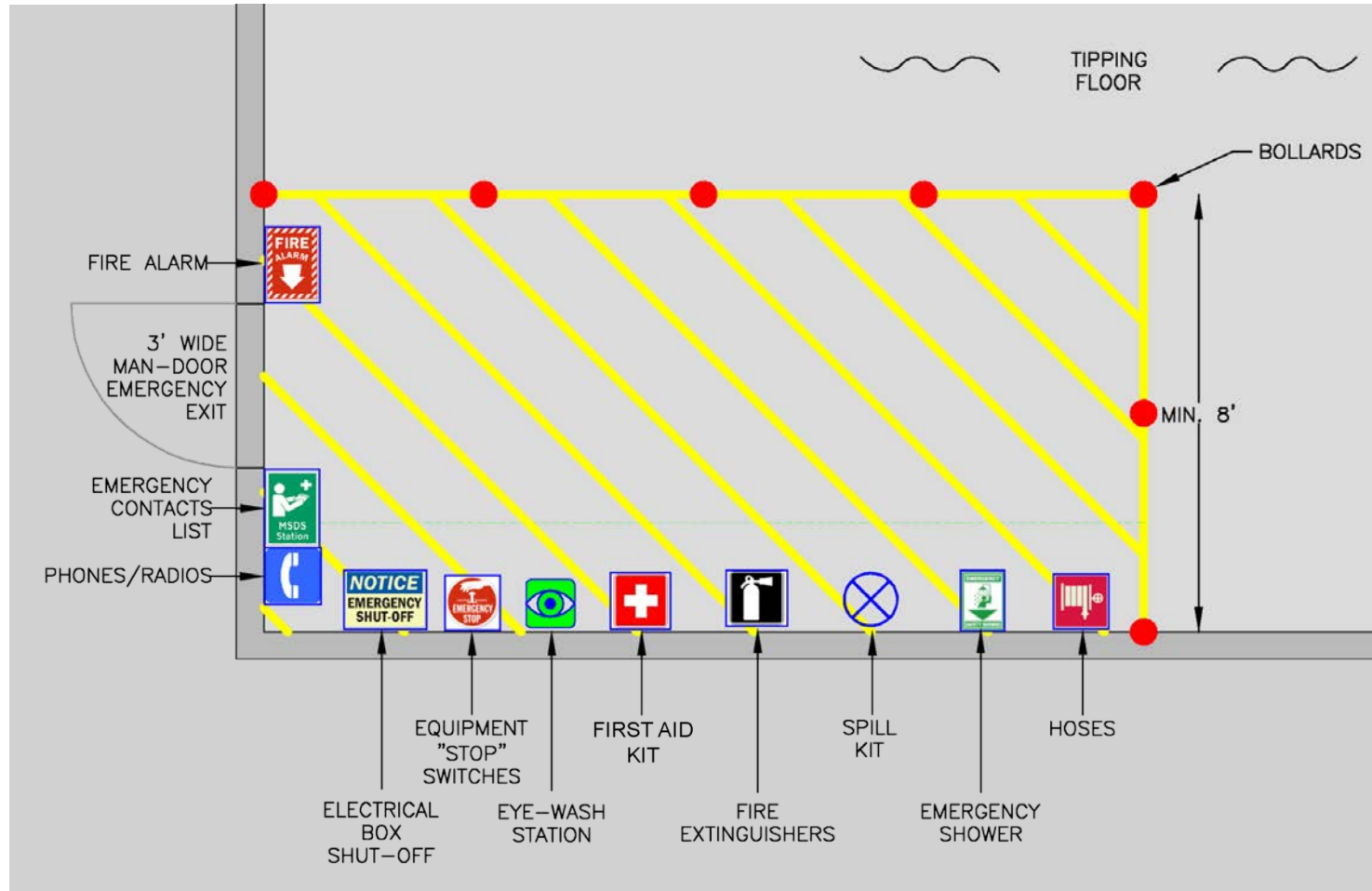


Separate Flow



Minimize Crossings

Designing a "Safe" Area



Design Considerations – Smaller Convenience Centers

- ❖ Safety is the Primary Objective
- ❖ Convenience is More Important Than Efficiencies
- ❖ Provide Ample Turning Space
- ❖ Separate Pick-up/Cars from Vehicles with Trailers
- ❖ Spotters are very important

Operations - Speed Limit

- **One of the most violated rules is that of the speed limit, which for most states is 15 mph.**



Clear Signage - The Message is



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- ❖ **No. 9 Designated No Pedestrian Areas**
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 - For Recessed Areas (Pits or Load Out Ports) - 12' from Edge of Pit
- ❖ **No. 8 Textured Floors – Unloading Areas – Citizens**
 - Clean Area
 - Add a Layer of Yellow Enamel Paint
 - Sprinkle sand or crushed glass
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 - Replace every 2 to 3 months
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❖ No. 6 Minimum 2 Spotters – Buddy System

- Spotters do not help unload vehicles!!

❖ No. 5 Train – Train – Train

- Safety Manual
- Contingency Plan
- Unauthorized Waste Plan
- Lifting, slips/trips/falls
- Vigilante and Aware – Equipment Operators
- Weekly Tailgate/Safety Meetings
- Monthly Formal Classroom Training
- Traffic Patterns

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❖ No. 4 Establish Safety Committee of Peers

- Review every accident/injury
- Provide recommendations to Management
 - Employee disciplinary actions
 - Facility improvements

❖ No. 3 Safety is a Full-time Job

- Retain outside safety consultant for smaller sites

❖ No. 2 Inspect/Audit Facility 2x per Year

❖ No. 1 Don't Fall Asleep

Thank You

Questions ?????

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