

INTERMODAL SAFETY BRIEFING

Protecting Intermodal Workers in Our Roadability/Quick Stop Areas

In the past, checkpoint personnel and roadability repair technicians have been impacted, run over, and severely injured as a result of uncontrolled movement in the equipment inspection areas. The intent of this safety briefing is to raise awareness and educate personnel working in these critical areas in an effort to prevent any future incidents from occurring.

Importance

In most intermodal facilities, there is a designated roadability/quick stop repair area for drivers looking to depart with an identified equipment defect. Fatalities and severe injuries have occurred to intermodal workers from being 'caught between' or 'rolled over' while inspecting and repairing units in roadability. Therefore, extreme caution must be used by all parties involved. Utilizing multiple-layered safety procedures to control equipment movement in and through 'quick stop' is critical to keeping all involved safe.

Safety Tips

A layered safety procedure that relies on multiple physical controls — and not solely verbal commands or hand-signals — is encouraged for protecting all workers in Quick Stop areas. Ensuring drivers stay out of harm's way is an important aspect of keeping all parties safe while 'quick stop' repairs are being performed. For example, unsuspecting drivers can be struck by tire tools and hammers that were being swung during the repair. Drivers are encouraged to stay in their vehicle at all times while being assisted in roadability. If necessary, the driver can exit the vehicle to point out the identified equipment defect(s) to the assisting technician, and then return immediately to the cab of the tractor for his or her own safety. Some facilities have waiting areas a safe distance away for drivers who do not want to remain in their cabs. When safety procedures with multiple layers are followed, roadability repair areas are safe places to work.

Detailed information on safety and inspection procedures for properly securing a chassis to safely perform inspections and repairs can be found in Section 100 of The IANA Guide to Chassis Inspection and Repair.

Stakeholders

This safety briefing is designed to assist all:

- Terminal Operators
- Equipment Repair Personnel
- Truck Drivers

