

SAFETY MEETING

Mill Yard Safety



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workplace safety north

Introduction

- Raise awareness of danger zones
- Recognize hazards in the mill yard
- Present strategies for reducing and eliminating these hazards

Mill yard activity

- What is usually going on in a mill yard?

Mill yard hazards and danger zones

Mill yard hazards and danger zones

- Large machinery and vehicles
- Limited visibility and noise
- Unpredictable and unstable piles of tree-lengths, logs, lumber
- Loading booms, clams, forks
- In-feed deck areas
- Material handling and storage areas
- Automated discharge outlets, conveyors
- Sawdust and other refuse piles
- Unsafe footing

Working principle

- Ensuring that everyone knows where the danger zones are and developing the policies and procedures that inform workers about whether it is safe to enter that danger zone.

Danger zone rules

- Never approach a working machine or vehicle until...
 - The operator sees you
 - The operator acknowledges your presence
 - The operator stops work
 - Lifting devices, buckets, or blades are lowered or stopped
 - The operator signals you forward

How are danger zones controlled?

- Develop safe procedures
- Establish safe areas
- Train everyone on danger zone rule
- Place warning signs
- Establish communication
- Construct guards, walkways and catwalks
- Install start-up warning systems
- Provide training

Key points to remember

- Know where the danger zone is
- Follow the danger zone rule
- Avoid unauthorized areas
- Develop and follow safe procedures for troubleshooting and maintenance
- Establish communication between the operator and workers
- Train everybody