



ILA-USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Spotting Industry Accident Trends and Alerting You About Them



At many container terminals of late, there have been very high populations of empty boxes waiting for their next disposition. It happens... They're often stacked high, wide and tight, and that circumstance brings with it safety issues worth mentioning.

The photograph above was taken this morning (23 January 2015) at an Atlantic Coast terminal and shows an over the road tractor that was crushed by a couple of empty containers that were knocked out of stack by (we are made to understand) an unladen empty handler with its lifting attachment unnecessarily extended. We are told that the motor vehicle operator was not seriously injured, but fully appreciate that outcome easily could have been much different.

The ILA~USMX Joint Safety Committee urges terminal operators and terminal workers to do all that is possible in keeping container stacks well managed, safe and fully accessible to the types and numbers of container handling equipment assets that are actively working them. Take the time you need to do it right. Equipment operators: Please keep your container handling attachments contracted when travelling without a box.

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