

Longshore Safety Tip

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Container Terminal Blind Spots

Pickup trucks and small vehicles in the yard

It is difficult for Top Pick drivers to locate smaller vehicles in the yard due to the obstruction of the mast. Vehicles can be parked in the wide open and still be in the blind spot of the Top Pick.

These photos are of the same Top Pick and pickup truck and demonstrate how easily the mast blocks the vision of the operator.



Vehicle operators should be aware of this hazard and not assume the Top Pick can always see you.

Top Pick operators should transit the yard using defensive driving procedures. This will shift the mast enough to give a better view of the traffic lane while transiting.

RETRACT THE MAST & SHRINK THE SPREADER

When traveling without a container, Top Handler operators should retract and adjust the carriage and spreader to the 20 ft position for greater visibility and to avoid obstacles. The mast should also be tilted back when traveling empty for greater stability.

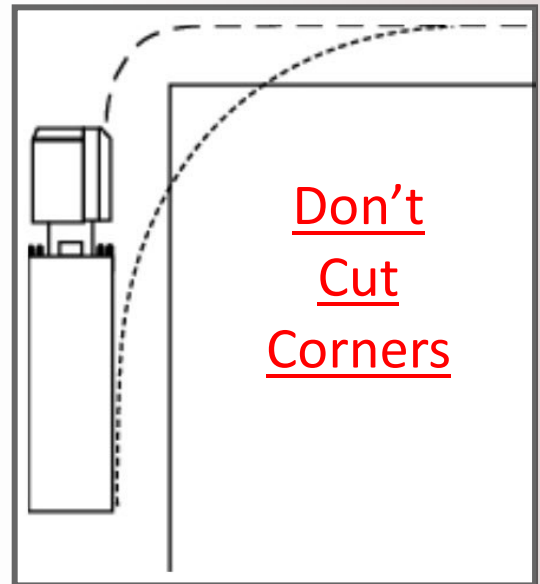


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Congestion Around Corners

Traffic and vehicle congestion in the container terminal yard can cause semi-tractor drivers to cut corners. When taking a corner too sharp, the rear axle of the chassis or bombcart will travel in an arc and can catch the container stack with the rear of the bombcart.

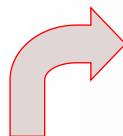


Turn Slowly & Wide Around Corners

Left turn close to outside shoulder



Right turn close to center of road



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