



ILA-UMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Who's Taking Risks ?

It's perfectly understandable that most waterfront workers take great pride in what they do for a living, and also in how most of those workers conduct their work in the most efficient and productive manner.

No one, however; no matter how much pride is exhibited, is expected to take undue risks in the performance of the job. The example provided within the photograph below shows a vessel's crewmember scaling a four-high deck stow of containers, facing a fall with a certain fatal outcome. There are other examples, of course, such as (but not limited to):

- 1). Operating any vehicle at speeds in excess of posted limits;
- 2). Failing to properly observe and obey stop signs/stop bars;
- 3). Using a cellphone while any vehicle is in motion;
- 4). Avoiding adequate observation of the entire area around your vehicle before moving it;
- 5). Failing to adequately wear your vehicle's seat belt;
- 6). Failing to wear appropriate fall protection when required; *and*
- 7). Failing to wear high visibility personal protective gear when it's required.



Taking an undue risk is not part of the job and should not be attempted by anyone; for any reason....

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