



## THE TOP 5 DANGERS THAT MAY BE LURKING AT YOUR LOADING DOCK

This dynamic environment can be harsh and demanding, both inside and outside of the facility walls. Inadequate, damaged, or non-existing equipment; outdated practices; and lack of communication create substantial risks for your employees and your bottom line.



### 1. Dock Shock. You can't see it, but you feel it.

Forklift and walkie operators travel across transition areas; from the dock, onto the leveler, and into the trailer, more than 100,000 times each year. Learn more about associated risks and how you can **reduce chronic injury, product damage, excessive equipment repairs and lost productivity.**

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### 2. Trailer separation. An accident waiting to happen.

7% of forklift accidents occur when a lift truck is driven off a loading dock.<sup>1</sup> The losses really add up: lost production, workers compensation claims, damaged equipment, reduced morale, and at worst - worker fatality. Know your risks and learn how you can **protect against devastating trailer separation accidents at your facility.**

<sup>1</sup> nist.gov, "Performance Metrics for Intelligence Systems Workshop" 2009  
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### 3. Supply chain security. A critical concern.

Poor dock design leaves a facility, along with its goods and partners, vulnerable to environmental factors, unauthorized access, and whitespace. That leads to safety hazards; product damage, contamination, and pilferage; quality inspection concerns; and diminished employee comfort. **Learn more about potential threats and how to best defend and secure your supply chain.**

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### 4. Full-time Communication. What you can't see can hurt you.

Communication at the loading dock is critical for accident prevention. The key is to provide clear, full-time communication using flashing red and green lights to inform truck drivers, forklift operators and personnel about the status of the loading or unloading operation. **Learn how adding a light communication system can increase safety at your dock.**

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### 5. Protect the drop-off. Before it's too late.

Some companies believe that a single safety chain across a dock door is adequate protection against falls. However, it is not an effective practice. A chain offers minimal protection, if any, against drop-off when personnel and material handling equipment is involved. **Dangerous drop-offs aren't always addressed until it's too late and a serious accident has happened; don't let this be you.**

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