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CELLULAR PHONES:

The use of cellular phones while at work has reached epidemic proportions especially for equipment operators. **All workers are reminded to leave your phone off while at work.** This is the policy of the Joint Industry Safety Committee. Members of the Safety Committee will be around all sites to enforce this rule.

MOBILE EQUIPMENT SAFETY:

With the influx of newly rated operators there has been several reports of increased speed of machines on several sites. Most notably are bombcarts at container terminals. This problem also includes stopping at stop signs, roadways and intersections. **All are reminded to exercise extra caution to decrease the likelihood of an accident.**

CONTAINER SAFETY:

To all top pick drivers, a recent incident where a container was released while travelling revealed a problem. It seems the driver hit a bump and his thumb hit the release button on the control lever and the container fell. **A reminder to the drivers, do not drive with your thumbs on the controls.**

Top pick drivers are also reminded to announce themselves to RTG's when entering container lanes to reduce the chance of a collision.

If you are unsure of rules or procedures a copy of the Terminal Safety Policy should be made available to you.

ACCIDENT REPORTING:

All workers are reminded that if you have an accident you should;

- Report the accident to your foreman
- Inform the Union and someone will attend
- Most importantly: **DO NOT DISTURB THE ACCIDENT SCENE** until an investigation can be done.

REPORT ALL UNSAFE ACTS OR CONDITIONS TO YOUR FOREMAN

In the question of convenience vs SAFETY - SAFETY FIRST
In the question of tonnage vs SAFETY - SAFETY FIRST
In the question of comfort vs SAFETY - SAFETY FIRST

Have a safe one!

ILWU 500 Safety Committee.