



Lumberyard Safety

LESSON OBJECTIVE: Discuss opportunities for safety improvements in your lumberyard.

ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME: Flexible. Allow 8 minutes to watch the video, and then use the Discussion Guide section to spend more time on this topic.

HOW TO USE: The lesson includes a video about lumberyard safety that employees can watch as a group or individually. The Trainer's Notes will provide discussion questions trainers can use with the group, but you may elaborate and ask your own operation-specific questions.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Introduction

Lumberyards are full of activity: employees on forklifts moving materials, workers inspecting supplies and customers loading products into their vehicles. It's crucial that every lumberyard operates within an established process and each employee understands that process fully to ensure the safety of everyone who comes into the space.

Every lumberyard is different, which means every operation needs to create a process that works best for the specific activities that happen daily. Talk through the following questions to help your team understand your processes for keeping employees and customers safe in the lumberyard.

Discussion Questions

- Do you allow customers to load their own materials? If so, what are some steps you can take to be sure each customer can do so safely? If not, how can you explain to customers why they are asked not to load materials?
- What equipment do you have in the lumberyard? What credentials are required to operate it? What are three safety measures you should take with each piece of equipment before using it?
- What signage is posted in the lumberyard? When should signage be replaced or updated?
- What should you do if you witness something unsafe in the lumberyard, whether it's an employee or a customer acting unsafely or poorly stocked materials?

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

What are some specific rules your operation has in place to keep employees and customers safe in the lumberyard?