Let’s make sure this doesn’t happen again

Last year a 39-year-old Washington truck driver was crushed to death between his and another trailer when the other driver made a sharp turn out of the loading dock. It was dark between the trailers and the deceased driver was not wearing high visibility clothing. Could better lighting have saved him? Could a simple high visibility vest have saved his life? Could a quick walk-around by the other driver have saved him? Take time at your next safety meeting to explore close calls that your drivers have experienced and develop a plan before an incident occurs.

Tips to live by

DRIVERS

- Always, always wear high-visibility clothing.
- Never assume other drivers know where you are. Don’t turn your back on traffic in tight quarters and have an escape plan if something near you starts to move.
- Do a walk-around to make sure all pedestrians are clear before you move your vehicle.

EMPLOYERS

- Maintain the lighting in your yard.
- Supply high visibility clothing or vests and make sure all workers wear them when outside the cab.

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