

## Awareness:

In a warehouse, awareness isn't just a buzzword for training checklists. Awareness is one of the key mandates for a productive and safe environment, right up there with integrity and human rights. While it may sound like an extreme jump in priority meta discussion, it assuredly is necessary. Everyone in the warehouse is there for a paycheck among their other personal priorities. Still, everyone doesn't want to end a day with one less toe than with what they started the day. Most people aren't going to put their foot in the path of a moving pallet. However, two people who are not paying attention can certainly be the unintentional initiator and victim of an accident.

This section cannot give you a truly comprehensive do or do not list, but it asks that you acknowledge and prioritize your fellow co-workers as the humans that they are.

## Key considerations:

- Boxes can contain 1 sheet of tissue paper or 80 pounds of ceramics and have the same outward appearance. Always assume and prepare for the worst, while being happy that it isn't most of the time.
- Someone moving a load has a harder time stopping their movement than someone walking by. Even if you're just passing through, either do not impede a moving load, or finish your route quickly to get out of the way.
- Physics does not matter what your pay grade or job description is.
- Put things back where you got them from. There are often designated areas for shared tools. Even if you don't know where those are in full, putting something back where you picked it up has a higher chance of being correct than not.
- Do NOT leave sharps or carts unattended, period, but *ESPECIALLY* do not leave on the sales floor.