

MONTHLY SAFETY FOCUS

WINTER PREP & YARD SAFETY

Ice on the rungs, dark at 5 PM, trucks moving in a busy yard.
December stacks the deck — slow down and stay seen.

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THREE POINTS OF CONTACT
EVERY CLIMB, EVERY CAB

SEE & BE SEEN



EYE CONTACT OR DON'T CROSS

1

THREE POINTS, EVERY TIME

Frost turns steps, rungs, and catwalks into skating rinks. **Two hands + one foot, face the equipment, never jump down.** Clear ice from ladders and trailer tops before any work starts.

2

SEE & BE SEEN

Hi-vis on in the yard, day or night. Make eye contact with the driver before you cross — if you can't see their eyes, they can't see you. Never walk behind a backing truck; use a spotter when visibility drops.

3

WINTER-READY EQUIPMENT

Cold kills batteries, air systems, and grip. **Drain air tanks, watch for ice in lines,** and treat vehicle-condition writeups seriously — safe operating condition is the law (49 CFR 396.13), and it starts in our shop.



NOBODY CROSSES BEHIND A MOVING TRUCK

Eye contact with the driver or you don't cross. In the dark, in the rain, in a hurry — the rule doesn't change.

● THIS MONTH, TALK ABOUT

- Yard walking routes — where do people cut through that they shouldn't?
- Hi-vis condition check: faded or filthy vests get replaced today.
- De-icing kit: where's the scraper and salt, and who clears trailer ladders?
- Short days: any dark corners in the yard that need a light fixed?

● EVERY WINTER DAY

- ✓ Hi-vis on before stepping into the yard
- ✓ Eye contact with the driver before crossing
- ✓ Three points of contact — every climb, both directions
- ✓ Ice cleared from steps, rungs & work areas first
- ✓ Air tanks drained; cold writeups handled same-day

Andrews Logistics LP — Maintenance Division. Reference: 49 CFR 396.13 (Pre-Trip / Safe Operating Condition) • OSHA General Duty Clause • 29 CFR 1910.22
Emergency: 911 | Report a hazard or near-miss to your Shop or Terminal Manager immediately | OSHA 1-800-321-OSHA

GO HOME SAFE

SCAN TO SIGN IN

Maintenance Safety Focus · December 2026 · Winter Prep & Yard Safety

Sign the stand-down roster from your phone · ali-dashboards.58jx6jpbrs.workers.dev



INSTRUCTOR OUTLINE — **WINTER PREP & YARD SAFETY**

For the Shop or Terminal Manager
10–15 minutes • read, don't recite

BEFORE YOU START

- Walk the yard at dusk this week — note the dark spots and the shortcuts people take between rows.
- Check the de-icing supplies: scrapers, salt/sand, and where they're staged.
- Inspect a handful of hi-vis vests — pull the faded ones and bring one as your example.

TALKING POINTS

1 DECEMBER STACKS THE DECK

Ice, early dark, holiday schedules, and a busy yard all land in the same month. None of the hazards are new — they just all show up at once. The answer is pace: winter work is deliberate work.

2 CLIMBING IN THE COLD

Frost on a trailer rung is invisible until your boot is on it. Three points of contact every climb, face the equipment, never jump down. Ice gets cleared from ladders, steps, and trailer tops before the work starts — that's part of the job, not a delay to it.

3 THE YARD IS A LIVE ROADWAY

Hi-vis is non-negotiable, day or night. Eye contact with the driver before crossing — a nod, a wave, a flash of the lights. Nobody walks behind a backing truck, and when visibility drops, someone spots.

4 WINTER-READY EQUIPMENT

Cold is hard on air systems, batteries, and brakes. Drain the tanks, watch for ice in lines, and treat every cold-weather writeup as same-day work — keeping vehicles in safe operating condition (49 CFR 396.13) is where the shop meets the road.

ASK THE CREW

- 1 Where's the worst shortcut people take through the yard — and what truck can't see them there?
- 2 Who's slipped on an icy step or rung? What would have prevented it?
- 3 When a driver and a walker meet in the yard, who yields — and does everyone agree?
- 4 What cold-weather writeup gets postponed here that shouldn't be?

**SLOW IS SMOOTH. SEEN IS SAFE.
THREE POINTS, EVERY CLIMB.**

Everyone signs the Stand-Down Roster before leaving. File the signed roster with this month's safety records (Policy 2-1.0 §6).