

NARROW AISLE SAFETY

Preparation prior to meeting:

Please let Regional Director know what your house rules are and be ready to communicate that to your employees in this meeting.

Based on local factors including the width of a DC's turn aisle, it is the manager's decision on how truck operators in each DC will visually communicate that they are clear of an aisle to permit another truck to enter the aisle. To indicate they are clear of an aisle the operator can be required to move to another aisle entirely, turn at an angle to the narrow aisle, or simply wait beyond the rack and P&D bays.

Employee training:

Only one piece of equipment may operate in a narrow aisle at one time

The second equipment operator to enter the narrow aisle will have committed a Group 2 safety violation resulting in:

First violation: Written Warning with 3 day suspension

Second Violation: Discharge

If two pieces of equipment make contact in a narrow aisle, the second operator to enter the narrow aisle will have committed a Group 3 violation resulting in discharge.

For an aisle to be considered 'clear' to enter, all other equipment must be parked **beyond** the entrance to the aisle and **beyond** the P&D bay.

****Demonstrate the area to employees****

It is the responsibility of the operator of the truck in the narrow aisle to be observant, decrease speed, and sound the horn before exiting a narrow aisle. Equipment in the main aisle or a fork truck loading pallets in P&D have the right of way.

Pedestrians are not allowed in the narrow aisles unless approved by manager in advance and must use orange cones to block equipment from entering, at each open end of an aisle.