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Improve Jobsite Safety with Safety Zone

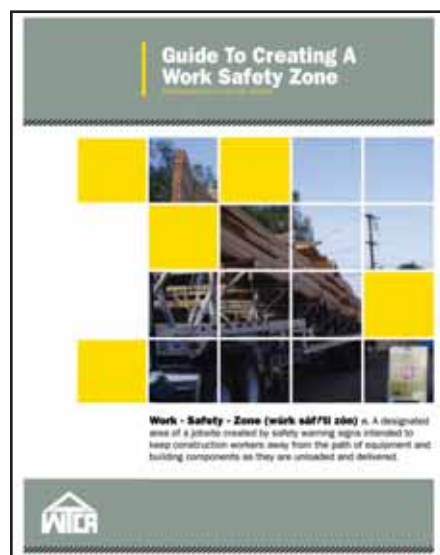
Reduce risk and increase safety on the jobsite with Safety Zone.

by WTCA Staff

Material handling doesn't end when components leave the shop. Truss and component handling is also a factor on the jobsite—a factor that presents some often overlooked safety and risk issues.

For this reason, WTCA and its California Chapter (CalESCA) have joined forces to address the risks of delivering building components to the jobsite. In fact, it was news of a jobsite accident that compelled the chapter to come up with an idea to reduce accidents and injuries at the delivery site. The Safety Zone concept was created to provide an industry-wide improved approach to designating a safety zone for off-loading trusses at a jobsite.

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at a glance

- Safe delivery and off-loading practices are an important part of material handling.
- Safety Zone products from WTCA are designed for delivery drivers to use as safety and risk management tools on the jobsite.
- The Safety Zone Delivery & Off-load Inspection Reports help drivers to document critical information about component delivery.

Beginning in June, Safety Zone (SZ) materials became available through WTCA. There are three SZ products for use by delivery drivers. Here is a hypothetical scenario of how a component delivery driver should use them.

- The component manufacturer's delivery driver pulls into the jobsite. Depending on the type of delivery (roll-off, boom/crane or forklift), the driver reviews and follows the safety steps outlined in **Safety Zone Guide to Creating a Work Safety Zone**, a laminated full-color guide.
- The driver sets up **Safety Zone Signs** at critical locations on the jobsite, following the diagrams shown in the Safety Zone Guide. The sandwich-board style signs measure 22x26 and are weather-proof. Four to five signs per jobsite is typical.
- The driver reviews the **Safety Zone Delivery Inspection Report/Off-load Inspection Report**, a single sheet on a 50-sheet pad that serves as a checklist of important, proactive tasks for the driver to complete at each delivery. He/she fills in details of the delivery and job on the top section of the form, communicating with the jobsite foreman and inspecting the load prior to off-loading components.
- The driver carefully off-loads the material.
- The driver completes the **Safety Zone Delivery Inspection Report/Off-load Inspection Report**, which includes taking digital photos of the off-loaded components and noting any other pertinent details of the delivery. He/she keeps a log of inspection reports or files them in the manufacturer's office.

CalESCA members have been using the Safety Zone materials for many months, testing the procedures on various jobsites. "When we pull up to a jobsite and set out the Safety Zone signs, the workers on the jobsite are amazed at the amount of room required for unloading our 48' roll-offs. The signs have definitely improved safety at the jobsite and we will continue to use them," said Gary Sartor, CalESCA Chapter President.

If you would like to order the Safety Zone signs and documents, call 608/274-4849 or email pubs@qualtim.com. Now is the time to implement your jobsite Safety Zone culture and literally create a zone of protection for all involved in jobsite deliveries! **SBC**



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