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MEET YOUR SPEAKER



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LET'S TALK FORKLIFT SAFETY

- Seatbelts
- Awareness of Surroundings
- Load Handling and Procedures
- Pedestrian Safety



FORKLIFT INJURIES & FATALITIES

 Roughly 85 forklift fatalities & 34,000 serious injuries each year

 42 percent of fatalities due to being crushed by a tipping vehicle

How is this possible, and where does it start?



FORKLIFT CITATIONS

 2,294 OSHA citations under 1910.178 in 2018.

#1 reason for citations was related to training, retraining and certifying.



SEATBELTS: Pretty simple...right?



THE PROBLEM

- •What we see:
- -People not wearing their seatbelts



HOW WE TRAIN SEATBELTS

Simply tell the operator "put it on"!

 Educate them on the importance of center of gravity & cautious driving

 Center of Gravity best understood when wire forklift model is used!!!



HOW WE FOLLOW UP

We yell at them!



HOW VR CAN BE USED

 Alarm sounds when forklift is driving if a seat belt is not connected.

Instant feedback!

• 5% point deduction



AWARENESS: People, Places & Things



THE PROBLEM

• What we see:

- A lack of head movement to check surroundings

 No "beep, beep" to let others know a forklift is coming around the corner or before backing up



HOW WE TEACH AWARENESS

 Instruct on importance of looking over <u>both</u> shoulders and using horn <u>before</u> backing up



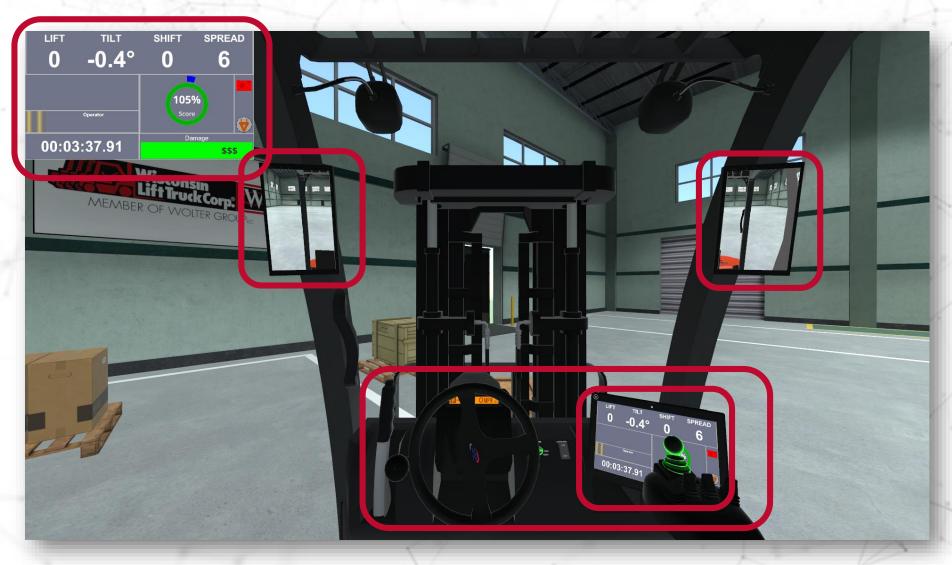
HOW WE FOLLOW UP

 Stay away from those drivers that back up without looking and yell as we run away!

• Write them up *after* they hit the second sprinkler...



SIMULATOR VIEWS





HOW VR CAN BE USED

- Required actions before backing up-
 - Reverse Look, and beep beep!
 - -3% for each if not done
- +5% if both are done correctly



FORKLIFT MANUEVERS: Fork Height, Tilt, Shift



THE PROBLEM

- Forks and load carried improperly
 Too high or low, improper tilt or side shifter not centered
- Loads are damaged
- Products fall off forks
- Pallets are damaged



HOW WE TRAIN

- Keep forks 2 to 4 inches off the ground
- Lift first, then tilt back
- Tilt forward until level then lower
- Re-center side shifter after using



HOW WE FOLLOW UP

Buy more pallets and build more product!

 Promote them to a lead position that does not drive!



HOW VR CAN BE USED

1% reduction per second and voice notification if-

- Forks not at specified height over 2mph
 - Set by user
- Forks tilted forward beyond level
- Forks not centered



SCENARIOS







PEDESTRIAN SAFETY: PROTECT YOUR PEOPLE



THE PROBLEM

- Pedestrians may not understand what the driver is going through.
- Complacency
- Distractions



WHAT WE SEE

 People walking without looking where they are going

Frustrated forklift drivers

Lack of cooperation between employees



HOW WE FOLLOW UP

Yell at each other

• Fire them *after* they almost hit their boss!



HOW VR SOLVES THE PROBLEM

- Allowable speed and distance from Pedestrians is set by user
 - Example- must be under 4mph when within 10 feet of a pedestrian.
 - -12% when too fast and close
- Hitting pedestrian-100%



HOW VR SOLVES THE PROBLEM

 Pedestrians can operate the simulator in flat screen mode or VR

 While operating VR, pedestrians learn the blind spots, stopping distance and difficulty of driving a forklift that the driver goes through daily





TRAINING WITH VIRTUAL REALITY

6 Lessons -

- 1. Main components, driving & lifting controls
- 2. Pre-inspection, start up & post operation checks
- 3. Basic driving & lifting
- 4. Load & weight distribution
- 5. Lift, shift & tilt
- 6. Workplace operation & safety



THANK YOU!

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