Five Ways to Stay Safe When Working with Rail Cars in Marine Terminals

1. Avoid walking on, under or through rail cars, or between cars less than 10 feet apart on the same track when transiting the terminal.

2. Only use ladders, steps, or other parts of rail cars that are intended to be foot or hand holds when accessing cars.

3. Check the condition of gratings and use caution when walking and working on rail car platforms. Work practices should also be in place to prevent falls from equipment.

4. Stow twist locks, cones, or inter-box connectors when not in use.

5. Where cars are being worked, make tracks inaccessible to other equipment and use flags, lights, or signs to clearly mark their closure.

Remember: Notify your supervisor of any damaged equipment or unsafe conditions.