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Warehouse Loading Dock Safety Inspection Checklist

Operational Scope: This warehouse loading dock safety inspection checklist governs all pre-shift evaluations of dock bays, leveling equipment, and vehicle restraint systems to mitigate catastrophic fall and crush hazards. Execution of this audit ensures strict adherence to federal safety mandates and safeguards logistics personnel from high-consequence workplace injuries.

MANDATORY PPE:	High-Visibility Reflective Vest (ANSI/ISEA 107), Steel-Toe Safety Boots (ASTM F2413), Impact-Resistant Safety Glasses (ANSI Z87.1), Cut-Resistant Work Gloves (ANSI Level 4), Industrial Hard Hat (ANSI Z89.1)
PREREQUISITES:	Verify dock bay area is free of unauthorized personnel and active forklift traffic. Ensure master electrical and hydraulic disconnects are accessible and operational. Review previous shift's log for unresolved or deferred maintenance tags.

EXTERIOR APPROACH AND VEHICLE RESTRAINT SYSTEMS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	Trailer Restraint / Wheel Chocks	Automatic vehicle restraints engage trailer rear impact guard (RIG) securely, or manual wheel chocks are positioned firmly against rear tires.	Critical (Immediate Out of Service)	☐ PASS ☐ FAIL ☐ N/A
2	Dock Lights and Traffic Signals	Exterior and interior communication lights function properly (Red/Green light systems synchronize with restraint engagement status).	Warning	☐ PASS ☐ FAIL ☐ N/A
3	Approach Apron and Drainage	Concrete approach is free of severe cracking, pooling water, ice, or debris that could destabilize incoming trucks or material handling equipment.	Warning	☐ PASS ☐ FAIL ☐ N/A

DOCK LEVELER AND MECHANICAL COMPONENTS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
4	Dock Leveler Deck and Lip	Leveler raises, lowers, and extends lip smoothly without hydraulic leaks, structural warping, or excessive noise. Lip seats fully inside trailer bed.	Critical (Immediate Out of Service)	☐ PASS ☐ FAIL ☐ N/A
5	Pit Cleanliness and Toe Guards	Dock leveler pit is clear of combustible debris, trash, and packaging materials. Vertical toe guards are intact and operational.	Standard	☐ PASS ☐ FAIL ☐ N/A
6	Dock Bumpers	Rubber dock bumpers are securely bolted, uncracked, and project at least 4 inches to protect the building structure from trailer impact.	Standard	☐ PASS ☐ FAIL ☐ N/A

OVERHEAD DOORS AND FALL PROTECTION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
7	Overhead Sectional Door	Door balances correctly when manually operated, cables and springs show no signs of fraying, and auto-reverse sensors function properly.	Warning	☐ PASS ☐ FAIL ☐ N/A
8	Fall Protection Barriers and Gates	Safety gates or chains across unassigned or open dock doors are structurally sound and capable of withstanding a 200-lb outward force.	Critical (Immediate Out of Service)	☐ PASS ☐ FAIL ☐ N/A
9	Floor Markings and Yellow Safety Striping	High-visibility yellow safety lines designating the edge of the loading dock platform are clean, visible, and un-obscured by pallets.	Standard	☐ PASS ☐ FAIL ☐ N/A

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