



# ILA-UMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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## Close Enough? We Don't Think So.



Lately, at ports up and down the East and Gulf Coasts, we've been observing a higher than normal number of poorly stacked, upper tier containers. That's obviously not good, in that containers that are not stacked corner-fitting-to-corner-fitting have a way of causing serious, life threatening hazards to the people we care the most about: **YOU!**

It should come as no surprise to any of us, that the population of people voicing the most concern about poorly stacked containers are the workers who have to "sweep up after the elephants" and make something right out of somebody else's carelessness.

**It's really simple... Being close, only counts when you're tossing horseshoes.**

That's why the ILA~UMX Joint Safety Committee would like to earnestly ask all container handling equipment operators who stack containers, to please, please, please make certain that your stacks are uniformly built. Ensure, by checking, that each container you stack is evenly placed; corner-fitting-to-corner-fitting. It'll make life a lot easier (and safer) for you and your fellow workers.

Caring for each other is the single best way to care for ourselves. Here on the waterfront, it's all about caring for one another, pride in our industry, pride in the ILA and pride in our contribution in the furthering of U.S. ocean commerce. It's a unique and impressive position to be in, and it's what we are..... on the job. Own it!

## Working Together For The Benefit Of All

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