

POLICY – GIN YARD ACCESS

Ginning season can cause much congestion on the gin yard. Movement of equipment and pedestrians on the gin yard may result in potential serious injuries or even death. Injuries associated with pedestrians and moving equipment can be reduced by following some simple rules and procedures.

Facility Operators/Managers

- Require all visitors to stop at the office before proceeding onto property or into facilities.
- Train all visitors and employees on hazards of traffic movement on the gin yard.
- Control yard traffic by designating routes for pedestrians and vehicles/equipment.
- Consider warning signage for potential hazards and yard routing designations.
- Consider equipment accessories or other methods to improve equipment operator vision of surroundings.

Pedestrians on the Gin Yard

All pedestrians (outside vendors, visitors, employees) should be informed of potential hazards while walking across the gin yard. Training should include but not be limited to the following:

- Required check in at the office for ALL VISITORS
- Required pedestrian routes between all buildings/locations on the property (show map)
- Equipment types travelling on gin yard. (module trucks, wheel loaders, semi-trailers, pickup trucks, other)
- Equipment major routes on the gin yard
- Instructions to NOT STOP in major pathways of equipment on the gin yard

Equipment Operators on Gin Yard

All equipment operators (module trucks and retrievers, wheel loaders, semi-trucks) should be informed of potential hazards involving pedestrians walking across the gin yard. Training should include but not be limited to the following:

- Knowledge of how to operate equipment safely
- Maximum speed of equipment on the property
- Awareness of surroundings while equipment is in motion
- Always watching for pedestrians and other vehicles
- Sounding horn when approaching corners/intersections/aisles.
- Assure nothing is in your pathway when moving Round Modules or other materials
- ALL Equipment Operators trained on safe operation of equipment according to company policies