

# Lift operators- preventing collisions

Instructor Guide

## Safety Talk Overview:

**What & Why?** Safety Talks are a method to refresh an employee’s knowledge and skills, maintain their interest in safety and illustrate the organization’s commitment to creating a healthy & safe work environment.

**Who & When?** Generally, these Safety Talk meetings are led by a supervisor, member of the JHSC, or Worker H&S Representative and should be mandatory for all crew members to attend. The content should be focused on a single topic. Safety Talks can be performed on a weekly basis or before the start of a new scope of work and should be about 15 minutes in duration.

go2HR developed this safety talk template for employers to customize and use for any topic in their organization. The Participant Handout should include information that you hope the worker will retain from the safety talk content and should be handed out during the safety talk for workers to reference later. Feel free to use it at your discretion.

**Lift Operators- Preventing Collisions**

The objective of today's safety discussion is to delve into various strategies and measures aimed at mitigating the frequency of workplace accidents involving workers being struck by moving machinery, equipment, or individuals in and around the designated load/unload zones of the lifts. By exploring these critical safety protocols in more detail, we can better understand the potential hazards inherent in these areas and develop comprehensive approaches to ensure the well-being and protection of all personnel involved in these operations.

**Safety Talk Outline (using the handout below):**

- Preventative Measures

- Discussion Questions

**Additional Resources:**

- [go2HR Ski Areas](https://www.go2hr.ca/health-safety/ski-areas)

## Topic Overview:

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## Safety Talk Facilitator Guidance

🞏 **Introduce** the topic and why it’s important

🞏 **Discuss** the associated hazards and likely incidents

🞏 **Tour** the work zone identifying hazardous areas

🞏 **Distribute** the Participant Handout

🞏 **Use** the info above to guide the discussion

🞏 **Document** the talk using the Safety Talk Record

🞏 **Explain** what controls are used to minimize the risks

🞏 **Remind** employees about applicable PPE usage

🞏 **Emphasize** the importance of safe work procedures

🞏 **Ask questions** to generate group discussion

🞏 **Answer any questions** or concerns they might have

🞏 **Set a good example** by working safely at all time

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Safety Talk Record

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| **Discussion Leader:** | **Date:** |
| **Department:** | Time: |

### Attendees (Please print your name and sign beside it. If you are a contractor, also include your company name):

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### Near miss/incidents and investigations reviewed: ☐ None this month

### Any questions or concerns from workers?

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| **Action needed:** | **Person responsible:** | **Due date:** | **Completed date:** |
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| **Supervisor/Manager print name & sign:** | **Date:** |

### Reviewed by:

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**Preventative Measures**

**Ramp Maintenance and Monitoring**

- Ensure snow conditions on load/unload ramps are maintained for optimal safety.

- Contact your supervisor promptly if ramp conditions deteriorate beyond your control.

**Operational Awareness and Safety Protocols**

- Calculate timing between chairs, spacing, and stopping distance to allow time for ramp maintenance and helping guests

- Familiarize yourself with the location of the nearest stop button for immediate intervention.

- Properly store equipment to prevent obstruction in work areas.

**Passenger Interaction and Load Management**

- Provide specific instructions to guests to minimize physical interaction with lift operators.

- Exercise caution and slow/stop lifts when necessary for safe loading and unloading.

- Position yourself behind or to the side of the carrier to avoid obstructing pathways.

**Lift Operations and Emergency Preparedness**

- Practice loading/lifting children at reduced speeds until proficient.

- Utilize a spotter and reduce lift speed when shoveling the Head Trap area.

- Slow or stop the lift when retrieving dropped items and use a spotter for assistance.

**Personal Health and Safety Measures**

- Prevent repetitive strain injuries by diversifying tasks.

- Maintain vigilance by rotating attention between key spots in the lift area.

- Proactively assist guests to prevent mis-loads and minimize the need to enter carrier pathways.

- Adhere to safety attire guidelines including well-fitted footwear, eye protection, and gloves.

- Refrain from duty if fatigued, unwell, or under the influence of medication impairing performance.

- Avoid distractions such as personal music devices while on duty. Refrain from horseplay, jokes, or throwing objects.

- Adhere to dress code guidelines to prevent clothing or accessories from getting caught in machinery or lifts.

- Respect restricted areas and avoid carrying heavy items across moving lift paths.

- Exercise caution around lift operations, never turning one's back to the lift and avoiding the Kick in the Head area during full-speed operation.

**Discussion**

- What are some common challenges you face while maintaining snow conditions on load/unload ramps, and how do you typically address them?

- How do you prioritize personal health and wellness while working in a demanding environment like lift operations?

- What other preventative measures could you add to this discussion?

Participant Handout

### For more information on this topic or if you have questions, contact: