



Safety Talk

Hazards associated with Directional Doors



Any type of door can cause an accident, whether it be a swinging door, push and pull door, sliding door or split doors. Always make sure there is proper signage for entering or exiting. If there are plastic split doors in freezers, fridges, and doorways, they always have to be checked when doing a walkthrough.

From getting statistics from multiple venues it has shown the following incidents have happened to workers:

- 120 door accidents occurred that required amputations
- 410 were categorized as multiple traumatic injuries and disorders
- 870 door collisions caused soreness and pain, including 100 that resulted in back injuries
- and 1,250 other types of injuries occurred



Here are a few points to consider around doors:

- When walking past or working around a closed door always assume the door is going to open. Give it plenty of room to avoid hitting you if someone opens it.
- Make sure your following all signs telling you which door is used for which direction
- Keep hands clear of hardware, moving parts, and pinch points.
- If you need to go through a door while carrying a load, be sure to ask a coworker to open the door for you or set the load down and secure the door until you get through.
- Contact your supervisor, your safety team, or JHSC Committee Rep if you have concern about a door.
- In general, doors should be fully open or fully closed.

Having a good housekeeping plan helps prevent injury to all workers as you will be able to check all doors, doorways and moving parts for any type of damage.



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