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# Safety at the Yard

Protecting People,  
Shipments, and Operations

# Behind the Fence

## a Daily Crisis in the Making



### The distribution yard is where your supply chain comes to life or falls apart.

Every hour, trucks roll in, trailers get dropped, people inspect loads, forklifts zip through narrow lanes... and through it all, the yard stays mostly invisible to upper management. Unlike warehouses, which are monitored and optimized down to the inch, yards often operate in the blind.

And that's a problem. **A big one.**

These aren't flukes. They're **symptoms of a yard system** that hasn't kept up with the scale, speed, and complexity of today's logistics. And if you're still using clipboards, walkie-talkies, and guesswork, you're gambling with lives, and with your business.

### A Wake-Up Call in Real Headlines

**"Worker crushed to death by trailer that collapsed on him"**

WCVB via [CNN](#) Newsource, Dec 2023

*A worker was killed Wednesday morning when a 90,000-pound trailer collapsed and fell onto him.*

**"Worker hit, killed by truck at a warehouse on Staten Island"**

[Pix11](#), Apr 2025

*A 40-year-old driver was reversing a truck when a 34-year-old worker, who was standing in a blind spot, was hit, according to authorities.*

# What Makes Yards So Dangerous?

**We often think of warehouses as high-risk zones. But statistically, the yard is where the most unpredictable and severe accidents occur.**

Why? Because it's where visibility is lowest and human error is highest.

## **✗ Inefficient communications at the Gate**

Truck drivers are still expected to park, exit their cab, and walk to the office for instructions. It feels routine, but it's a serious safety risk.

## **✗ Lack of Driver Training**

Third-party drivers often arrive with no knowledge of your yard's layout, safety rules, or traffic flow.

## **✗ Night Operations**

Poor lighting or bad weather reduces awareness and increases the chance of miscommunication and disaster.

## **✗ Manual Operations**

Someone has to walk into the yard to "check" if the trailer is loaded. That step alone is one of the most dangerous. (In cab device)

## **✗ Poor yard layout design**

A poorly designed yard turns routine moves into risky maneuvers. Confusing traffic flow, blind intersections, and shared paths between trucks and workers.

## **✗ Uncontrolled Traffic**

Without digital oversight, trucks can go the wrong way, block paths, or operate in pedestrian zones.

## **✗ Blind Zones**

Trailers parked side by side create visibility blackouts. Workers step out from behind them without being seen.

**In short:** the yard is often the least digitized, least monitored, and most hazardous zone in your entire supply chain.

# How Leading Operators Reduce Risk with the C3 Suite

**Walk into a modern, safety-first yard and the difference is clear, there's flow, control, and peace of mind.**

The smartest logistics teams aren't just working harder, they're working smarter. And they're doing it with solutions like the C3 Suite that turn safety into a built-in feature, not an afterthought.

What Smart Yards Are Doing Differently:

## 1. Geofencing and Rule-Based Zoning

Smart yards use geofencing to create digital “**no-go zones**” for pedestrians during live trailer moves. The C3 Yard YMS automatically blocks move requests that violate safety zones, helping prevent human error and conflict.

## 2. Directed Yard Movements

Rather than relying on drivers to “**figure it out,**” trucks are routed through predefined traffic patterns that avoid crossings, congestion, and blind spots.



### 3. Mandatory Driver Induction

Every driver receives a quick, **5-minute safety induction**, either in person or digitally at check-in. They see a yard map, review the rules, and confirm they understand the procedures before entering.

### 4. Real-Time Yard Visibility

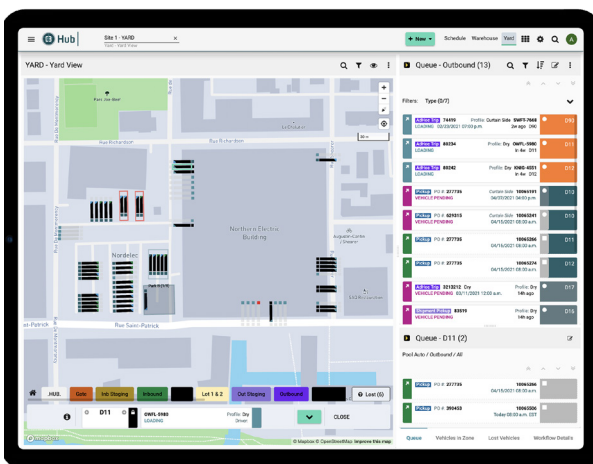
From seal status to load progress, everything is visible from the control tower. Physical inspections are a last resort, not the default. With C3 Yard and C3 Hive, managers don't need to set foot outside to know what's going on.

### 5. Bring the Office to the Driver

No more back-and-forth trips to the transport office. Updates and instructions reach drivers directly, digitally, and in real time through **C3 Hive**.



*Driver Induction: 5-min safety check—digital or at the gate—before drivers enter.*



Safety in the yard doesn't require more people, it requires smarter systems.

With the C3 Suite, safety becomes the operating system of your entire yard.

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# Real Impact, Real Results



## 60%

**fewer yard-related safety incidents**

within the first year of implementation.

## 25%

**faster trailer processing times**

thanks to clear task management and movement control.



**Improved audit readiness**

automated logs track every move, entry, and exception.



**Stronger partnerships with carriers**

who appreciate a safer, faster, and clearer check-in process.



**Save Lives, Avoid Lawsuits and Protect Your Brand**

Fewer incidents mean fewer victims, fewer lawsuits, and less reputational damage.

In the words of one of our clients:



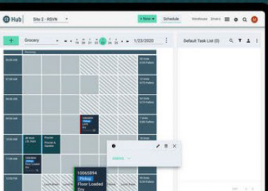
C3 Yard gives our business the highest level of visibility and control of our assets and products in the yards.”

# The Time to Act Is Now

**Let's be blunt:** if you're still relying on humans to coordinate yard traffic by voice, paper, or instinct, an accident isn't a matter of if. It's a matter of when.

Don't wait for the accident. Don't wait for the lawsuit. Don't wait for the "we should have done something" moment.

**C3 Yard** is more than a system, It's a shift in mindset, from **reactive chaos** to **proactive control**. [Book a demo](#) today and see how yard safety becomes part of your operations, not your emergency response plan.



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