



Backing Incidents – First Move Forward

Incident Description: On 01/14/15 a GBI employee driving a company truck with a 30 foot gooseneck trailer attached parked in front of a store and went inside to pick up materials. When leaving the store the employee backed up hitting a parked car behind him. Additionally, on 01/15/15 a GBI employee driving a company van backed into a bollard when leaving the work area for break.



Lessons Learned:

- ✓ Always park so that the first move you make is forward.
- ✓ When backing up to park use a spotter when possible.
- ✓ Always know your surroundings (conduct a 360° walk around) before moving any vehicle.

Immediate Observations:

- ✓ Both vehicles first move was in reverse. All vehicles should be parked so the first move is **ALWAYS** forward.
- ✓ Neither driver conducted a 360 degree walk around of the vehicle before driving in reverse.

Safety Performance Tool to Prevent Future Occurrence:

Self-Check (STAR)

When performing a Self-Check remember **STAR**:

- ✓ **STOP** - Pause to clear your mind and focus on the activity.
- ✓ **THINK** - Understand what is to be done before starting work.
- ✓ **ACT** - Perform the task using the appropriate, procedure, policy or equipment.
- ✓ **Review** - Verify you get the intended results.