



Don't Forget About Overhead Doors!

Look around, we have many overhead doors at QRP. Considering many of us use overhead doors on a daily basis, the assumption is that these doors are commonplace, and therefore, not dangerous.

Unfortunately, each year, there are far too many examples of avoidable “struck by” and “crushing” incidents involving overhead doors. **Just because it hasn't happened at QRP doesn't mean the hazard doesn't exist.**



Ways to Improve Safety Around Overhead Doors

Use the personnel door (man door) instead of walking under a raised door.

This is the best way to avoid an incident. Overhead doors are for mobile equipment, so using the personnel door helps to eliminate an unintended struck by incident.

Just because the door is raised does not mean that it could not still hurt you or someone else.

Aside from the mobile equipment hazard, you could start to walk through the lifted door when suddenly someone hits the button to start lowering it, it could fall, or have high tension parts malfunction near you.

Never stand or walk under a moving door.

Doors can malfunction like any other mechanical system. Even if they appear to be in working order, you still need to be careful to prevent workplace incidents. Commercial overhead doors are different from your garage door(s) at home, they are heavy and may not have sensors to detect when something is under them to stop automatically.

Make sure the door is raised to the fully open position.

Once it is up as high as it can go, a spring system counterbalances the door and helps to hold it in place. If the door is not all the way up, it may not be properly secured in position.