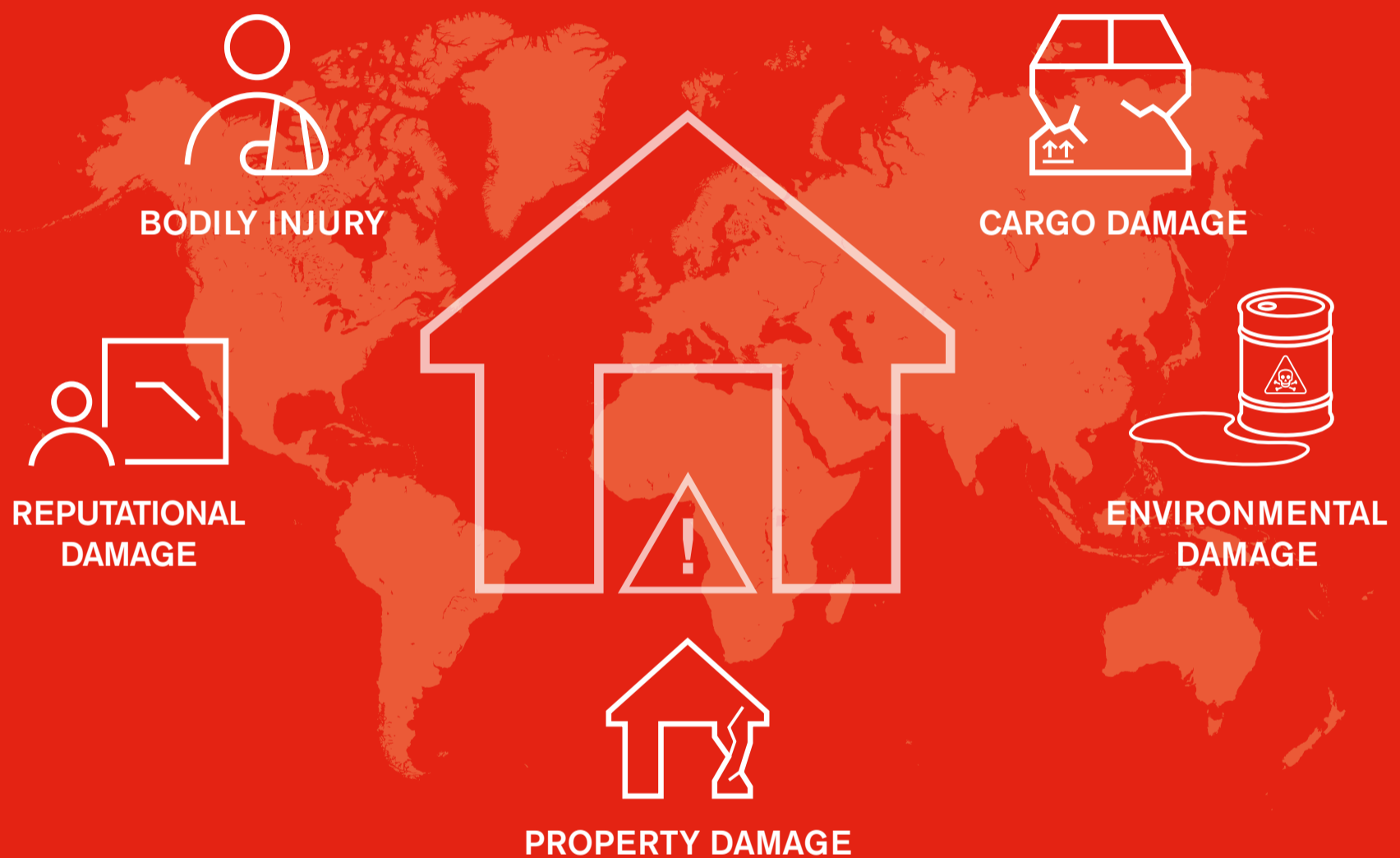


Operating a safe warehouse

Are your warehouse operations as safe as they could be?

Creating a safe and secure environment can not only reduce the risk of injury to staff but also reduce cargo damage and its impact on profitability.

What are the risks?



How can you mitigate these risks?

PERSONNEL AND VISITORS

- Clearly mark pedestrian pathways inside and outside warehouse facilities
- Eliminate blind spots/corners with use of mirrors/technology
- Restrict and control the use of mobile devices in operational areas
- Implement risk assessed permits for work at height in enclosed spaces and for hot work
- Restrict access to areas where moving machinery is used
- Implement tag out/lock out procedures for maintenance on electrical or moving machinery
- Control visitor access strictly (by appointment only, always escorted on site)

EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY

- Check and service forklifts regularly
- Protect racking from forklift impact
- Establish a robust defect reporting and repair procedure
- Ensure there is adequate ventilation
- Implement regular maintenance inspections
- Ensure lighting is adequate
- Inspect and maintain roofs to avoid water ingress or structural failure
- Install appropriate auxiliary back up power source
- Assess the risk of flooding and establish a flood response plan if necessary (e.g. flood barriers)

FIRE RISK

- Enforce a **no smoking** policy in your warehouse
- Ensure charging zones are well maintained
- Cage all lighting to prevent red hot splinters of glass dropping onto cargo if a bulb fails
- Install, maintain and test adequate fire detection and suppression systems
- Establish local emergency services response times

OPERATIONAL

- Ensure any high value or hazardous cargoes are stored and secured correctly
- Know your customer and understand cargo-related risks
- Proactively manage any abandoned or stagnated stock
- Manage idle pallet stocks
- Maintain good housekeeping practices

