

TOOLBOX TALK

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TRAILER SAFETY

Topic Overview

Trailers can become unguided missiles if they are not properly hooked up or cared for. Materials carried on the trailer can become a hazard if they fall off during transport. Getting materials delivered safely affects the public and other workers, not just yourself.

Safety Tips

- Ensure material inside of trailer is not over the weight capacity of the trailer.
- Load your trailer with more weight in front of the trailer axle than behind it. This gives the trailer tongue weight and can also add more stability to the tow vehicle and trailer.
- Ensure that the trailer ball matches the trailer tongue. Never try to make do with two dissimilar hitches.
- Test the trailer each time you hook it up to ensure that it is securely attached.
- Tarp down all loose material such as asphalt or concrete and secure all tools and equipment.
- Tag out any trailer that requires repair, notify your supervisor, and complete an equipment repair form.
- Use wheel chocks or parking brakes when parking a trailer on a slope or when unhooking the trailer, and ensure it is on level ground. This will help prevent the trailer from rolling forward into the truck or rolling backwards.
- Have a spotter assist in backing up, especially when visibility is reduced, ensuring the spotter does not stand in a crush point.



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Review previous Workplace Inspections

Review previous Accident/Incident/Near Misses

Other Safety Issues or Suggestions made by Staff

Attendance Record

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WORKER REP			