

OHBA Safety Pages: Dump Truck/Trailer Safety



Dump trucks and trailers come in a variety of styles and sizes, but one thing that should remain the same across the board is safety. Dump trucks and trailers are dangerous at the best of times. Whether you're the driver or someone helping at the job site, it's important that you make safety a priority whenever you're working around dumping equipment.

1. Commit to maintenance. Perform daily inspections and regular maintenance, including tire pressure checks and lubrication. A broken dump truck or trailer is an unsafe one.
2. Make sure you're on level and stable ground before unloading. When the bed is lifted it becomes less stable and could tip over.
3. Distribute the load evenly. The center of gravity and the load needs to be well centered. This will improve balance and help maintain stability.
4. Don't skip the truck bed liner. A liner will help the load flow out evenly and prevent the load from getting stuck and possibly unbalanced.
5. Know how to talk the talk. Proper hand signaling will help avoid accidents. Make sure each person knows exactly what each signal means.
6. Don't overload the dump truck or trailer. This can make dumping the load uneven and hazardous.
7. Clear the area of people and other obstacles.
8. Don't drive while the truck bed is raised. If you drive with the bed up, you could end up running into something, like a power line. Keep the bed flat while you drive.
9. Keep the tractor/truck and the trailer aligned so that you are as straight as possible.
10. Be super careful if you're working between the bed and the frame. Properly block the bed to prevent serious injury or being crushed.



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SAFETY PAGE MEETING GUIDE

Topic: Dump Truck/Trailer Safety

Employer: _____ Project: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ Shift: _____

Number in crew: _____ Number attending: _____

Safety or Health issues discussed. Include recent accident investigations and hazards involving tools, equipment, the work environment, work practices and any Safety or Health recommendations:

Follow up on recommendations from last safety meeting:

Record of those attending:

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