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#### LOADING/HAULING/UNLOADING EQUIPMENT

#### **PURPOSE/APPLICATION**

Loading, hauling, and unloading equipment is necessary when moving equipment from one location to another.

PPE ■ Strike minimum requirements ■ High visibility vest

**TRAINING** • Certified Equipment Operators • Strike orientation

Driver's License TDG, WHIMIS, Cargo security requirement

HAZARDS & CONCERNS - Pinch Points - Heavy loads

Equipment FailureNoise

DrivingChemical

Wildlife
Shifting loads

Stored energy (boomer)

### **PRECAUTIONS**

In preparation to load/haul/unload equipment the driver must know:

- Weight and height restrictions of loads.
- The trailers capacity
- The appropriate/approved chains and boomers required to secure loads (always inspect equipment and tools before use).
- Ratchet styled boomer are preferred
- Do not load a vehicle heavier than the gross vehicle weight rating for the unit as specified by the manufacturer. Additionally, do not load a vehicle beyond its registered vehicle weight and axle, or axle group ratings. In some instances, permits may be obtained for non-divisible loads. If a permit is obtained, you must comply with all conditions specified on the permit.
- Secure or fasten all objects or equipment to the bed or box of a vehicle before moving the unit. Use approved chains, locks, straps, cables, or equipment racks to secure loads.
- Never carry hazardous products such as ether in the cab of a vehicle. Properly secure heavy objects that are being transported in the cab of a vehicle. Loose equipment or objects such as tools, etc. shall not be left unsecured in a cab or seating compartment of any vehicle.
- Store fuel containers outside of the cab of the vehicle.
- Transport flammable products only in approved, labeled, and secured containers.
- When loading equipment in pickup trucks, keep the center of gravity as low as possible. The load should be positioned in the center/front of the truck bed, and properly secured.

## **REFERENCES / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Driving SWP-28
- PPE HSEMS Section 6
- Traffic control SWP-09
- Wildlife Awareness SWP-14
- Equipment Maintenance SWP-51

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Alberta OHS Code

None

Saskatchewan OHS Regulation

None

**British Columbia OHS Regulation** 

None

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