



SHIFT BRIEFING



PICK-UP TRUCK, DUMP TRUCK & ROLL-OFF CONTAINER SECURING LOADS BEST PRACTICES

*ASK: What types of debris has anyone seen flying out of a nearby truck?
ASK: Has anyone's vehicle ever been struck by debris coming out of a truck?*

New Jersey Title 39:4-77 states,

- No person shall permit a vehicle to be loaded or operated that the contents or any part of the contents may be scattered in any street.
- Whenever the load of any vehicle extends above the height of the sides or tail gate or rear of the body of the vehicle, such load shall be securely covered by a tarpaulin or other cover.

In addition, 25% of highway incidents were caused by cargo not being properly secured on trucks or vehicles. Let's commit to not having one of our trucks cause an accident or damage to another vehicle.

We have several ways to prevent objects on trucks from moving or falling out: **list your equipment from below**

- Bungee cords, rope,
- Ratchet straps
- Load material so that none can move
- Tarps on **list your vehicles that have integral tarps**

ASK: Do we have what we need?

Some best practices on securing loads in the pick-up trucks, dump trucks, and roll-over containers:

1. When using nylon strap ratchets, watch out for sharp edges, and make sure you select a good anchor point for the two hooks. If you have to go over a sharp edge, make sure to pad it.
2. When using rope, use proper knots. **Consider showing workers some cinching knots.**
3. When using tarps, wrap the tarp tightly over and around the objects and then use MANY points on the tarp to keep it from flapping. This WILL move the tarp over time and you can imagine the consequences of a tarp flying off and onto a following car's windshield.
4. Check tarps and straps and loads frequently in your rear-view mirror. If you can't see them, stop in a safe place and check. I suggest you should check after about the first mile.
5. Be careful with securing your load, especially if you are working on top of a truck or container. Ask for help.
6. Be careful when un-securing your load.
 - Bungee cords have snapped and hit people in the face.
 - Loads may have shifted against the straps and when you release the strap the load may fall onto someone onto the ground.
 - Make sure you have good footing when you are releasing a ratchet strap or chain. The sudden release of the ratchet can knock you off balance. Especially if you are on top of a container.