Securing Vehicle Loads

When traveling with loads, part of the pre-trip vehicle inspection process should include a thorough check to determine whether your load is adequately secured. An unsecured load may shift during your trip and could cause or contribute to an accident.

⇒ Always check the condition of tie downs and ropes to make sure they are not damaged or excessively worn.
⇒ When using an internal rack system, check the anchorage points periodically to make sure they are sound. Check all doors to make sure they are closed.
⇒ Check the load to make sure it is packed tightly. Loose loads can shift and cause difficulty with steering and braking. If a load shift occurs while the vehicle is turning a corner, a rollover could occur.
⇒ The load must be well centered. A poorly centered load can cause problems during normal vehicle operation. If the load contains items of unequal weight, keep the heaviest items toward the center of the total load.
⇒ When traveling with a load, consider the following:
  • What is the weight of the load and are you sure it does not exceed the vehicle’s capacity?
  • Will the load height be an issue? Are there any low clearance underpasses on your planned route?
  • Does your load extend beyond the back of your vehicle? Do you need a warning flag?
  • If your load is in an open top truck, have you covered the top with a canvas or tarp to assure that the load will not fly out of the back?
  • Do you know your route? Are there any steep hills or sharp corners that could present dangerous situations because of your load?
⇒ When traveling with a load, make sure to address all load safety issues in order to assure that YOU and your load arrive safely at your destination.
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Foreman's Check List:
- Posting Notices Accessible - Identify Location
- GCC Code of Safe Practices Accessible
- USA Notified/Lines Marked (800) 227-2600
- PG&E Notified/10’ Rule (800) 743-5000
- Required Cal/OSHA Permit(s) obtained
- Emergency Exit Routes/Meeting Location Identified
- Special Hazards Identified
- Fire Extinguishers Charged & Accessible
- First Aid Kit Stocked and Accessible
- Trenching operations & requirements reviewed
- Flagging Operations Reviewed
- Housekeeping/Storage & Handling Requirements Reviewed
- Personal Protective Equipment Reviewed
- Equipment Inspected (faulty/damaged equipment must be tagged and returned to the Santa Rosa Yard)
- MSDS are available for all substances present at the jobsite
- Hazard inspections and corrections are documented

Reminders:
- Work-related injuries MUST be reported immediately
- GCC uses designated medical providers for treatment of work-related injuries
- All accidents and near-miss incidents must be reported
- No employee can enter a trench exceeding 5’ deep unless advised that it is safe by the competent person
- MSDS sheets are available for review - do not work with any product that you are not familiar with
- Do not enter areas where substances are being used by other contractors, unless trained on the proper safety precautions
- Horseplay is not permitted
- Daily jobsite walkthroughs must be performed
- No employee is permitted to perform any task that they have not been trained to perform
- All potential and/or identified hazards must be reported to allow for immediate correction and communication of exposure to other workers
- Discuss parking arrangements for the project

Special Topics for Project (address specific exposures, MSDS reviewed, etc.):
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Safety Recommendations & Employee Comments:
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Tailgate Meeting Attended By (employees are required to sign/print name):
Signature includes confirmation of the following:
• In the last week I have not suffered any work-related injury or illness that has not been reported to my Supervisor
• In the last week I have not been denied my authorized 10-minute breaks
• In accordance with Prop 65 requirements, I have been notified that at I may be working in areas, or with products, which contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause Cancer and Birth Defects or Other Reproductive Harm

Su firma incluye la confirmación de lo siguiente:
• En la semana pasada no he sufrido ninguna lesión o enfermedad relacionada con el trabajo que no haya sido reportada a mi Supervisor.
• En la semana pasada no he sido prevenido de tomar mis descansos autorizados de 10 minutos.

Safety Prize Winner: ________________________