

SAFETY CAMPAIGN: LOAD SECUREMENT

WHY Load Securement Matters

Improperly secured freight can:

- Shift during transit, leading to accidents or rollovers
- Damage cargo, costing the company money and credibility
- Injured drivers or unloading personnel when the doors are opened
- Violate DOT/FMCSA regulations, leading to citations or OOS orders

HOW to Secure a Load

1 Inspect the Trailer

- Clean, dry, and free of debris
- No holes or damage to walls/floor
- Ensure e-track or load bars are functional

2 Use the Right Equipment

- **Straps:** Tighten across pallet rows or large items
- **Dunnage (air bags, cardboard, foam):** Fill voids and cushion fragile freight
- **E-track/Ratchet Straps:** Lock loads into place

3 Apply Best Practices

- Verify every load is properly secured
- If the load is sealed, contact your Driver Manager for permission to break the seal
- Scale the load to ensure it has proper weight distribution
- If unsure how to properly secure the load, contact your Driver Manager

4 Hazmat Loads

- Require a minimum of 2 straps
- Placard necessary loads
- Plan your route with proper hazmat routing

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