

TRUCKS

1. Truck drivers will be properly and thoroughly trained before attempting to do any work with or on any type of truck.
2. Our motor vehicle policies, as well as State and Federal regulations prohibit, as well as State and Federal regulations prohibit the operation of commercial motor vehicles by individuals who do not have the proper training and license.
 - a. Do not attempt to operate any dump truck unless you have the proper license and training.
3. Thoroughly inspect the truck for any defects that may inhibit safe operation of the vehicle.
 - a. DOT regulations require that the operator fill an inspection form each day before placing the truck into operation.
 - b. This form is an excellent tool to help the operator remember to check all necessary items.
4. Always use the steps and grab irons and face the vehicle when getting in or out of the truck.
5. Place the gearshift into neutral and set the parking brake before starting the engine.
6. Allow the engine to reach operating temperature and the air pressure to build to operating pressure before placing the truck into motion.
7. Carefully check the area around the truck before placing it into motion. Objects or people that are very close to the truck may not be visible from the driver's seat.
8. Always make sure that your seatbelt is properly fastened before driving the truck.
9. Allow adequate stopping distance between the truck and the vehicles in front of it.
10. Check the area around the truck for obstructions (tree limbs, overhead wires, etc.) before raising the dump box. Make sure that the spreader chains aren't set if you intend to dump in a pile.
11. Always try to be on a level surface when you raise the dump box.
 - a. As the box rises the truck's center of gravity goes up and the truck becomes less stable and more apt to tip over.
 - b. If you must dump on a slope place the truck so that it faces straight up, or down the slope.
 - c. Do not try to raise the box with the truck parked parallel with the slope.
 - d. Remember that a dump truck is much more apt to tip over (or run into overhead obstructions) when spreading material than it is when dumping in a pile.
12. NEVER work under a raised box (not even "for just a little bit") unless the box is adequately supported by a prop rod or cribbing. Do not rely on the truck's hydraulic system to hold the box up while you work under it.