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Loading & Unloading Equipment for Transport

- 1. No one should ever load or unload heavy equipment on a truck, trailer or lowboy alone
- 2. The equipment operator should always use a spotter when loading & unloading equipment
- 3. Always, use three points of contact when mounting or dismounting the truck, trailer, or lowboy
- 4. Only experienced equipment operators should be allowed to load and unload the equipment
- 5. Always inspect the truck, trailer, lowboy and tie down equipment to insure they function properly
- 6. Always park the truck, trailer, lowboy, etc. on a solid level surface that can easily support the load
- 7. Make every effort to park the truck, trailer, or lowboy in an open area with good visibility on all sides
- 8. Never park the truck, trailer or lowboy under power lines when loading and unloading equipment
- 9. Never load or unload the truck, trailer or lowboy over buried gas, water, power or electrical lines
- 10. Never load and unload a truck, trailer or lowboy in a public road except in emergencies
- 11. If a public road is necessary for loading and unloading equipment always use flaggers and signs
- 12. When loading or unloading equipment, always set the brakes on the transport & chock the wheels
- 13. The North American Cargo Securement Act standards must be used to properly bind and secure loads
- 14. All accessory equipment such as booms, blades, buckets, bush hogs, etc. must be completely lowered & secured as outlined in the 2004 North American Cargo Securement Act
- 15. All truck, trailer and lowboy lights should be working properly when hauling on public roads
- 16. The sides and back of the truck, trailer and lowboy must be equipped with reflective tape

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- 17. The rated capacity of all chains and binders must equal at least half the weight of the secured equipment
- 18. "Oversize Load" signs must be secured to the front of the truck & rear when the load extends beyond the sides and/or rear of the truck, trailer, or lowboy
- 19. Use "escort" vehicles to accompany oversize loads traveling on public roads and highways
- 20. Secure and check all ramps prior to traveling on public highways
- 21. Before a trip begins, know the total height of loaded equipment and the height of all bridges & overhead lines in your path of travel

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Note

This document is not intended to be legal advice. It does not identify all the issues surrounding the particular topic. You are encouraged to review your policies and procedures with an expert or an attorney who is knowledgeable about the topic.

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