



Eye on Safety

Vehicle-Equipment Cab Safety

From the Secretary's Office of Safety

With the holidays around the corner, we can anticipate increased travel, which means increased traffic. Safe driving starts with the driver, whether you're driving your personal car to and from work, traveling in a company vehicle, or operating equipment.

Here's some quick tips to get you from point A to point B safely.

Pre-Trips and Walk Arounds

Make the most of your time. Don't forget to take a look at the inside, during pre-trips and walk-arounds. This is the perfect time to set yourself up for a safe trip.

As a reminder, here's some items to check for, both inside the cab and out:

- Glass, Horns, Mirrors, Lights, Turn Signals, Brakes, Tires and Wheels, Steering Mechanisms, Backup Alarms, and Warning Light Systems

Additional checks may be necessary depending on the type of equipment. Operators should refer to the manufacturer's operation manual for inspection criteria.

Keep It Clean

Keeping the inside of your vehicle or equipment clean is a simple way to avoid potential hazards and mitigate risks while operating. Take a few minutes to check your vehicle-equipment cab and keep it free of loose items that can act as a projectile and cause injury or become distracting.

Items to look for and keep secure include, but not limited to:

- Bottles or trash
- Handheld Devices
- Laptops or iPads
- Workbooks
- Articles of Clothing
- Tools and Equipment
 - First Aid Kits, Fire Extinguishers, Jumper Cables, loose chains, straps, hand tools, power tools, fuel containers, and more
- PPE
 - Hard Hats, Safety Glasses, etc.

Methods to Secure Items

- Avoid overloading and remove unnecessary items or cargo
- Use storage compartments and containers to store items
- Distribute weight evenly, by placing heavier objects at the bottom and lighter objects at the top
- Use seatbelts as straps, especially for bulky items, such as backpacks and tool bags
- Use ratchet straps and bungee cords to secure items
- Cover or wrap delicate items to before securing to prevent from damaging
- Ensure safety equipment is properly mounted or secured for easy access
- *Most importantly, **secure yourself and any passengers before driving!***

Friendly reminders:

November is PPE Awareness month – making this a great time to check your gear! Get with your Supervisor or Safety team member to replace defective PPE.

The third Sunday of November (Nov. 17, 2024) was World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims in the U.S. Feel free to share any safety tips with family and friends.

BUCKLE UP, DRIVE SAFE!