

SAFE WORK PRACTICE

TITLE	Truck End Dumping
GENERAL	Protecting workers from injuries associated with truck end dumping
APPLICATION	End Dumping material in a safe manner
PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	Safe job procedures PPE Lockout procedures ERP (Emergency Response Plan)
SELECTION AND USE	As per job requirement
SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY	To facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements and training
WORKER RESPONSIBILITY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only trained and licensed personnel may operate company vehicles 2. If the end gate does not open, the truck may flip over 3. The end gate switch is air/electric actuated 4. If there is no air charged to the trailer – the gate will not open 5. If there is no electric power to the trailer – the gate will not open 6. End gate switches may occasionally malfunction (solenoid located on the trailer under the frame near the back axle). Always take precautions. If the gravel does not start to slide out of the trailer when the box is at the 5th stage on the hoist <u>lower immediately</u> and check the gate jaws. 7. Do not back up too close to the previous pile of gravel. If the end gate can't fully open, the load will not slide out and this may result in the trailer flipping over 8. Check that the load is centered in the trailer. If you were improperly loaded by an operator, this will cause the trailer to lean, despite being on level ground. 9. Most importantly, always maintain eye contact with the trailer while raising the box. The trailer box may begin to raise straight but then shift to one side as the weight is distributed to the trailer axles, due to soft ground, etc. 10. Do not feel pressured by contractors/customers to dump in the spot they want you to if you feel it is unsafe. They do not know or understand the hazards of being on uneven or soft ground. 11. You are the professional – contractors/customers may say “you’re OK” but use your own judgment. You will not be reprimanded for saying “No, I can’t dump here, as it isn’t level” 12. If they do not have a safe level spot for you to dump the load, if they are not willing to compromise and find you a level spot, then call the office. 13. If the trailer begins to lean slightly while raising the box, lower it immediately. Don’t worry about what everyone thinks. On a normal day you will have to change your position and lower the box at least once. 14. Check for overhead obstructions prior to dumping. I.e. power lines, streetlights, signs, trees or anything that may come in contact with the box while it is raised.
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