

**DUMP TRUCK SAFETY**

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**Please be safe!** Operating a dump truck is a rough job. Days can be long, hot, cold, dusty, wet and muddy. But no matter how the weather is treating you, or how long you’ve been on the job – your safety and the safety of the other drivers is a top priority. Even if you’re tired and frustrated, don’t let your emotions or fatigue take over. Always operate your truck in a controlled manner, be mindful of traffic and work area hazards, and keep your eyes peeled for sudden changes that can catch you off guard!



* **Wear your seat belt – it protects you in a truck crash.**
* **Make sure all riders in the truck are seat belted.**
* **Increase following distance. Don’t tailgate others.**
* **Don’t drive distracted. Do not text and drive.**
* **Control distractions and pay attention to the road.**
* **Keep vehicle speeds appropriate and slow down.**
* **Before backing, get out and look.**
* **Back safely – no faster than walking speed.**
* **Slow down on job sites.**
* **Always do your daily walk-around safety check.**
* **Make sure tires are properly inflated and safe.**
* **Keep windows clean and mirrors adjusted.**
* **Keep warning equipment, alarms and lighting working.**
* **When working alongside moving traffic, use road cones and wear a high-visibility vest.**
* **Use the safety prop rod when working under the bed.**
* **Scan for overhead power lines before raising the bed.**
* **Use 3-point contact when entering and exiting the cab.**
* **Never jump down from the truck cab or steps.**
* **To warn others, honk air horns before backing.**
* **Keep a fire extinguisher and first aid kit on hand.**
* **Know emergency phone numbers.**

**DON’T USE TARP SYSTEMS UNDER OVERHEAD POWER LINES.**



**USE PROP BARS OR SUPPORT STANDS WHEN WORKING BENEATH RAISED DUMP BEDS.**







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**WHEN ON RURAL ROADS, PAY ATTENTION, SLOW DOWN AND AVOID RUNNING OFF THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD.**

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