

TOOL BOX TALKS

Wash Bay Safety

Transportation Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention



Wash bay floors are almost always wet. Wet floors can become very slick when antifreeze, grease or oil has leaked onto the floor. Winter months can cause icy conditions inside and around the exterior perimeter of the building. Truck or machine steps that are cold can cause ice, resulting in a fall. Review these safety tips with your employees.

Tool Box Tips

1. Wear proper footwear for slick, wet or icy conditions.
2. Use rolling ladders to reach tops of trucks and trailers during washing or maintenance.
3. Keep rolling ladders in good mechanical condition.
4. Rolling ladders that have been damaged or “sprung” must be removed from service.
5. Hoses not in use should be rolled up or removed from the area.
6. Overhead catwalk systems must be maintained in proper working order.
7. Overhead fall arrest systems must be used whenever employees cannot work within the confines of a guardrail system.
8. Overhead fall arrest systems must be inspected often and protected from water and corrosion.
9. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
10. Make employees aware of the hazards presented by cleaning chemicals and solutions.
11. Never stand on unapproved surfaces during truck cleaning such as the hood, tires, bumpers or frame rails. Use steps, ladders or platforms.
12. When washing elevated vehicle surfaces, use extension handles on scrub brushes or pressure washers. Work from the ground as much as possible.
13. Make sure hot water lines are properly identified.

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