



RISK REMINDER

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Name: _____ Company: _____

Safety Practices Once a Tractor Trailer Driver Reaches the Destination

Spring, Summer and Fall promise construction zones along America's highways, byways, side streets and main drags. While beneficial in the long run, roadway construction can be inconvenient and quite dangerous unless drivers remember a few basic guidelines. Below are some tips to help ensure safe driving no matter how much orange you see.

IMPORTANT SAFETY STEPS WHEN:

Parking

- Park on level ground and close to the receiving door or site
- Set and test brakes
- Place wheel chocks between the tandem wheels of the trailer
- Do not attempt to stop a rolling vehicle



Backing Up

- Get Out And Look (GOAL)
- Use flashers, horn, and backup alarms
- Check both mirrors
- Roll down windows to hear
- Know the vehicle's blind spots
- Use a spotter
- Back up slowly
- Stand clear when opening doors for unloading



Coupling and Uncoupling

- Only trained workers should perform this procedure
- Ensure stable footing when releasing the fifth wheel or adjusting tandems
- Wear bright visible clothing
- Ensure the trailer parking brakes are still engaged when perform tug test
- Keep clear of tires and frames
- Check for vehicular traffic near you

Questions:

1. When backing up the acronym GOAL means _____
2. True or False - Know the vehicle's blind spot when backing. _____
3. True or False - Wear bright visible clothing when outside of your vehicle. _____