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The Importance of Load Securement

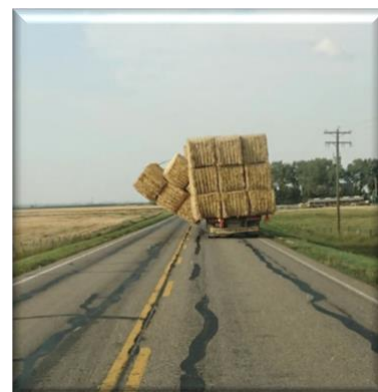
Improper load securement can be deadly, regardless of whether something happens on your own property or on a public road. The hazards can include the load leaking, shifting, or even falling off.

When hazards present themselves during transport, the stability and handling of the vehicle hauling the load may be affected.

In addition, there is often confusion surrounding the Alberta Traffic Safety Act, load securement, and how it applies to farmers. It may be helpful to contact your local county office for help to better understand how the Alberta Traffic Safety Act is applied to farms. Your municipal or county office may be able to offer guidance on the subject or put you in contact with a Community Peace Officer who enforces the Traffic Safety Act.

Some helpful tips for load securement include:

- Using the right type and amount of securement equipment
- Only using tiedowns that are marked with the Working Load Limit
- Pre-inspecting tie downs for damage or defects and removing any faulty straps
- When hauling a load, performing periodic inspections while in transit to adjust the cargo or load securement devices as necessary



If any of the information here raises questions for you or others on your farm, it is recommended that you talk to your employer and/or take a load securement training course from a reputable trainer in your area.

WHAT COULD GO WRONG WHILE HAULING OR SECURING LOADS?

Ask yourself these questions and identify ways to prevent it from happening:

- Could a load shift/roll/spill/fall off?
- Could someone decide not to use load securement equipment or use load securement equipment improperly?
- Could someone decide not to use blocking/bracing/chocks to prevent movement of the load?
- Could someone use weak or inappropriate anchor points, underrated load securement equipment, the wrong type of load securement devices, or damaged straps/load securement devices?
- Is it possible for someone to secure a load without the proper training?
- Could straps become cut or worn while rubbing against sharp edges during transport?

Additional Topics/Discussion:

Might include task/job details, hazards and hazard controls, worksite specific emergency response, etc.

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