

Securing Loaded Freight on Trailers

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There are several ways to SECURE loaded freight on trailers. It is the loader's responsibility to insure that freight is secure on Outbound trailers as well as City Peddle trailers when loading.

Methods of Securing Loaded Freight

- **TURN FOUR-WAY PALLETS** when possible. This saves room as well as tightens the load from side to side.
- **STAGER PALLETS** when possible. Two pallets side by side to one side of trailer, then the next two pallets side by side to the other side of trailer. This keeps weight distributed evenly and the rows of freight secure one another. This is usually done when dealing with very heavy pallets of freight, large totes and tall single or double stacked pallets.
- Use **CARDBOARD** to fill gaps, protect freight and build level surfaces to load on to. Cardboard can be folded or rolled up to fill gaps and build level surfaces.
- Use **SHEETS OF WOOD** to build level surfaces to load on to. Also use to prevent freight from shifting and causing damage. Keep sheets of wood in the LME system.
- Use **EMPTY PALLETS** to fill gaps and secure freight by standing on end - preventing forward, backward or sideway shifting.
- Use **AIR BAGS** to fill empty gaps. These work very well to prevent side to side shifting. When unloading airbags, do not puncture. Airbags are reusable.
- Use **REEL CHOCKS** to secure reels from movement on trailer.

Taking the extra time to SECURE / BLOCK / BRACE freight properly can and will save time when unloading at destination and improves profit & customer satisfaction by reducing damage & claims. It is our responsibility as Supervisors and Freight handlers to insure that freight is SECURE on loaded trailers.

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