

TIP SHEET

A series of health and safety tips to prevent work-related injuries in the trucking industry



TIPS TO LIVE BY

Don't Fall for It



Tarp Smart

Tarping station in use

Tarping a load to protect it during transit is hard work. It can be dangerous too. Every year many Washington state truck drivers fall and are injured while tarping and untarping loads on their trucks. Heavy tarps, uneven loads, wind, rain, and ice increase the risk of falling. How does one safely manage tarping without falling? The following tips can help.

These injuries don't just happen



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To prevent falls while tarping loads

- Carry a ladder to access the top of the load.
- Use tarping stations that customers make available.
- Equip dump trucks with auto tarping systems.
- Share techniques or tricks with other drivers.
- Use a forklift to get tarps on top of the load, but don't ride the forks along with the tarp.
- Roll tarps forward, not backwards, which keeps edges and voids visible.
- Consider using or upgrading to curtain vans.

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